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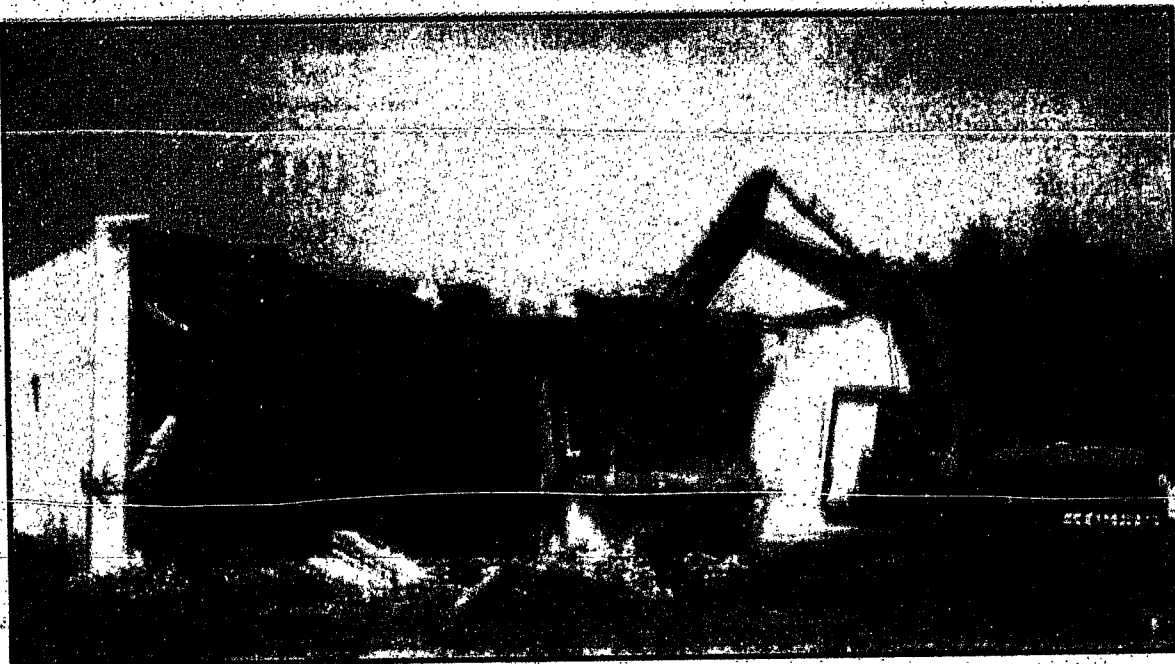
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Charles Gray, president of the Hancock County Historical Society, presented certificates of registration for two live oak trees at the Hancock County Library. The larger oak was designated the "Library Oak" and the smaller was named "The Richard Thames Memorial Oak" in memory of Coach Richard Thames, a well known Bay resident and coach at St. Stanislaus. On hand for the ceremony were from left, Gail Thames, wife of the late Richard Thames; Charles Gray; Evelyn Johnson, chairman Hancock County Library Board and Prima Plauché, Director. The walls at the library came tumbling down last week to make way for the new construction.



## Waveland meeting continues to be marred by squabbles

BY SHARON SAUCIER

It was a squabble from the get-go and it ended with the city of Waveland being called a disgrace and a trash heap.

City Alderman Stan Weidman said these things, which received almost a collective "what" from the audience in the room.

Mayor Stella Frilot had to leave the meeting early and Alderman Curtis Colson took over. When the allegations concerning the city started erupting, Colson said that he didn't want to discuss this now, because the mayor was not there to defend herself and "I don't like to do things that way."

"Not until this administration has the city not mowed the ditches and picked up trash

from the roads. I don't care if it means working overtime or having a crew work on the weekends, something has to be done about it," Weidman said.

Weidman made allegations that someone in city hall has been telling residents that it is their responsibility to mow ditches and right-of-ways.

He then asked city attorney Lucien Gex if there was some way that the Aldermen could force the mayor into hiring additional people or having a weekend work crew.

Gex advised the board that the only thing that they could do would be to pass a non-binding resolution stating what they want to happen.

The resolution that was passed stated for the mayor to

hire or bring in additional crews to clean up the city.

That was only one of several squabbles at the hour-long meeting.

There was also heated discussion concerning the hiring of Betsy R. Phillips as registrar of voters and also how big of an ad would be taken out in the Bay Waveland Girls Softball Tournament program.

The hiring of Phillips was passed with Alderman Bob Hubbard and Colson voting for and Weidman against.

Weidman wanted to know if the position was necessary and how much she would be paid.

Mayor Frilot said that the

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## Demo run-off set Tuesday

BY SHARON SAUCIER

The Democratic run-off election will be held Tuesday with only one office being vied for.

The run-off election for the Democratic candidate for United States Senate is the only office to be voted on.

The candidates for this position are Ken Harper and Hiram Eastland.

Voting precincts will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the day of the election.

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## Diamondhead POA election continues

BY SHARON SAUCIER

The Property Owners Association of Diamondhead was unable to have their elections last Saturday, due to an insufficient amount of votes to hold a quorum.

To have a quorum in order to hold the elections, 2,059 votes were needed.

Ballots will be sent out again to those members who did not vote. The ballots have to be turned in on or before July 15.

This is when it will be determined if enough votes have been received and the votes will be tabulated.

According to reports from candidates, the main problem with the election process was how confusing the ballots were.

Charles Banister, a candidate for president of the association, said that letters will be sent out explaining the process

## City marina

### Bay looking at downtown facility

BY MARY G. SEILEY

Bay St. Louis city officials are looking at more than just renourishing the sand beach along the waterfront — they'd like to build a major marina and some additional parking as well.

Mayor Eddie Favre said Friday the ideas are in "very, very preliminary" stages of pursuit.

But developing significant public recreational areas down-

town, including a 400-slip marina in Bay St. Louis, and 150-slip marina in Waveland, were proposed about a decade ago in the Hancock County master plan for beach renourishment.

Favre said city officials are looking into possible funding sources for a recreational marina and, perhaps, a separate commercial harbor. In addition, the city is considering where it

could construct additional waterfront parking facilities, the mayor said.

The county's sand beach master plan has been partially implemented, with a 4.4-mile stretch of beachfront renourished recently. The city plans to solicit bids shortly for another 5,000 feet of renourishment, between the Highway 90 Bridge

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## HANCOCK TODAY

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## County to improve 17.1 miles of roads

BY SHARON SAUCIER

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors opened and accepted the bid for \$790,912.85 from a contractor in Pearl River County to do work on 17.1 miles of roads in the county, which will be funded by gambling revenues.

Huey Stockstill Inc. was awarded the bid on what the engineers projected cost would be \$900,000.

There are a total of 34 Hancock County streets which will be getting much needed improvements through the contract.

The streets to receive improvements are 9th Street, Alsobrooks, Berry Patch, Bien-

ville, C.C. Road, Earl C. Ladner Road, Fire Department Road, Hancock Drive, Heron Bay Road, Hugo Street, Indian Ridge Road, Kapaloma Drive, Leetown Road, Maple Street, Old Kiln-Picayune Road, 4th Avenue, Road 221, Road 319, Second Street, Shaw Smith Road, St. Matthews Church Street and VFW Road.

Roads in the Shoreline Park area that will be improved are Shoreline Park Road, 21st Street, Swan Street, Tahiti, Borneo, Java, Greenland, Cnetral Avenue, Tombigbee, River Drive, Trout Street, Spruce Street and Whale Street.

District three supervisor Howard Lizana said that since

there was nearly \$90,000 left, plans should be made to go ahead with other road work needed to be done before winter.

Board President Mike Ladner said he felt that the money should be left in escrow until it was decided which roads in which districts to work on.

"Most of the roads that need work are in your district Mike (Ladner). I don't see why you don't want to get this done. We are supposed to be working for the people, not in the banking business," Lizana said.

Ladner said that they would discuss this situation in a workshop and make their decisions there about what roads should be added.

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## Public opinion sought by Bay for planning

BY MARY G. SEILEY

Bay St. Louis city officials have set seven public meetings to forge critically important decisions on the city's future growth.

The series of meetings sponsored by the city Planning and Zoning commission kicks off with a July 7 meeting dealing with the area encompassed by Ward 4. Officials hope to have that session, and the rest of the

series, at Bay High School's auditorium.

Other meetings will deal with the other three wards, individually, the Casino Magic complex, and the downtown and highway commercial areas.

While the concept of comprehensive planning may sound dull, the topics actually are hot.

For instance, each of the meetings will provide public

discussion of how land is being used currently, and how it should be used over the next 20 years. Other topics include traffic flow, and what to do with unconstructed, dedicated "streets" that the city owns.

Once officials have agreed on goals for the city, the zoning ordinance will be re-written to make those goals achievable.

## BMR red fish hearing receives commercial/recreational input

By JIM MANESS

A hearing was conducted Monday, June 20 at the J. L. Scott Marine Education Center in Biloxi by BMR on their proposed ordinance 7.013(I).

The purpose of the hearing was to get public comment on proposed changes in the length of red fish that may be legally kept.

The proposal also included a provision that would limit the daily possession of red fish by

commercial fishermen to the same possession limit required of recreational fishermen.

Currently the recreational fishermen are limited to a position of three red fish per day.

The new ordinance states in Section 6, "It shall be unlawful for saltwater commercial fishermen to possess more than one red drum exceeding thirty inches total length for a single day's catch."

"It shall be unlawful for com-

mercial fishermen to possess more than the daily bag limit of three red drum."

Section 5 states: "It shall be unlawful for recreational fishermen to possess red drum under the length of 16 inches."

An estimated 300 people attended the hearing. About 25 or 30 speakers went to the podium to express their views. The majority of the views

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TIDES					
WEEK OF 6-26-94					
DAY	HIGH	LOW	DAY	HIGH	LOW
Sun.	2:22 p.	1:15 a.	Thurs.	8:41 a.	12:14 a.
Mon.	2:54 p.	1:40 a.			10:02 p.
Tues.	3:08 p.	1:45 a.	Fri.	8:31 a.	8:27 p.
Wed.	1:10 p.	1:20 a.	Sat.	8:34 a.	8:27 p.
			Sun.	8:02 a.	8:51 p.

### Homecoming

The Greater Mt. Zion Church in Pearlinton invites the public to its annual Homecoming Day today at 2 p.m. Speaker will be the Rev. Joseph Young, presiding elder of the Brookhaven Hattiesburg District.

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**ALICE G. BAUBIN**  
Alice George Baubin, 76, of DeLisle, died Wednesday, June 26, 1994, in DeLisle.

Mrs. Baubin was a native of Long Beach and a homemaker. She was a member of St. Stephen Catholic Church in DeLisle.

Survivors include her husband, John O. Baubin of DeLisle; two sons, Charles Nance and David Lee George, both of Gulfport; a daughter, Jean Wilkerson of DeLisle; a brother, Ovalee Walker of Gulfport; a sister, Susie Nelson of Long Beach; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Saturday at St. Stephen Catholic Church in DeLisle, with burial in Old DeLisle Cemetery.

Baylous Funeral Home in Picayune was in charge of arrangements.

**PHILIP J. EXPOSITO**  
Philip Joseph Exposito, 55, of Houma, La., died Thursday, June 23, 1994, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Exposito was sent from Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis to Falgout Funeral Home in Houma for services and burial.

**NILES B. MILLER**  
Niles Boyd Miller, 88, of Bay St. Louis, died Thursday, June 23, 1994, in Madison.

Mr. Miller was a native of

Carthage and was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Asher Miller; his parents James Thomas and Theresa Mooney Miller; a sister, Mrs. Frances Christian; and a granddaughter, Stacy Renee Miller.

Survivors include four sons, Charles Miller of Deer Park, Texas, Edward Miller of Texas City, Texas, Frank Miller of Dallas and Eddie Wayne "Butch" Miller of Waveland; a sister, Mrs. Dan (Diane) Bryan of Jackson; a brother, Hugh Miller of Carthage; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held tonight from 7 to 10 at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. A service will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home chapel, with burial in St. Mary Cemetery.

**CLYDE H. MORELAND**  
Clyde H. Moreland, 76, of Pass Christian died Thursday, June 23, 1994, in Gulfport.

A native of Lenna, Miss., he served in the United States Army during World War II and was a member of Alta Woods Baptist Church in Jackson.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Moreland of Pass Christian; one daughter, Mrs. William R. (Barbara) Nunnery, Jr. of Long Beach; one brother, Lloyd Patrick Moreland of Hazlehurst; and one grandchild.

Visitation will be held Monday, June 27 from 9:30 a.m. until the funeral service at 11:45 a.m. at Riemann Funeral Home Chapel in Pass Christian.

Burial will be in the Biloxi National Cemetery.



**MRS. EMILY OLIVER**  
Mrs. Emily "Mama Em" Oliver, 94, of Pearlinton, died June 24, 1994, in Bay St. Louis.

She was a native of Logtown, and a member of New Hope Baptist Church and Hancock County Senior Citizens.

Survivors include one daughter, Henrietta Barnes Acker of Pearlinton; two brothers, Joe Oliver and George Oliver of Pearlinton; one sister, Orelia Jackson of New Orleans; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, "across the street" adopted grandkids and numerous friends.

A service will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 29 and dismissal at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 30 at New Hope Baptist Church in Pearlinton. Burial will be in Lindsey Memorial Cemetery in Logtown.

Baylous Funeral Home, Picayune, is in charge of arrangements.

**LELIA L. SALEEBY**  
Mrs. Lelia Ladner Saleeby, 86, of Clermont Harbor, died Thursday, June 23, 1994, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Saleeby was a native of Lakeshore and a member of St. Ann-St. John Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John L. Saleeby; her parents, Carlos and Alma Vest Ladner; a brother, Roy V. Ladner; and two sisters, Mrs. Rosa Ladner and Mrs. Clara Hill.

Survivors include two nieces; five nephews; and several step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held Saturday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. A procession left the funeral home at 10:40 a.m. to go to St. John Catholic Church for Mass at 11 a.m. Burial will be in Lakeshore Cemetery.

**PERCY J. SMITH**  
Percy J. "Smithie" Smith, 80, died Friday, June 24, 1994 at his residence in Hammond.

A native of Lincoln County, he was a former resident of Bay

St. Louis for 17 years.

He was a retired carpenter superintendent for J.A. Jones Construction and a member of the Church of Christ.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Johnson C. Smith and Mary Magee.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby Smith of Hammond; two sons, Terry Smith of Diamondhead and Rodney Smith of Ponchatoula, La.; one daughter, Crystal Bourgeois of Albany, La.; three brothers, Sam Smith, Denver Smith and Thomas Smith, all of Brookhaven; three sisters, Estelle Hardin, Ina Belle McCoy and Hallie Lea, all of Brookhaven; six grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, June 26 at 2:30 p.m. at Brookhaven Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be held from 5-10 p.m. Saturday and from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

Burial will be in Hillcrest Church of Christ Cemetery.

The family requests that memorials be made to the North Oaks Hospice, P.O. Box 2668, Hammond, La. 70404.

**PAUL E. WHITFIELD SR.**  
Paul Edwin Whitfield Sr., 66, of Picayune, died Wednesday, June 22, 1994 in Picayune.

A native of Flat Top, he was a self-employed tile setter and a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred Bounds Whitfield of Picayune; two sons, Paul Whitfield Jr. and Patrick Dudley Whitfield, both of Picayune; two daughters, Connie Whitfield Smith of Poplarville and Patricia Whitfield Arnaud of Picayune; two brothers, Doyle Whitfield and Toby Whitfield, both of Picayune; one sister, Betty Williams of Picayune and two grandchildren.

Visitation was Thursday evening at Picayune Funeral Home. Services were conducted Friday at Picayune Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Memorial Gardens, Picayune.

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#### Correction

An advertisement appearing in the Thursday, June 23, issue of The Sea Coast Echo on Absentee Voting from the Hancock County Circuit Clerk gave the wrong day as the deadline. The advertisement should have read, "The deadline for voting absentee in the office of the Circuit Clerk will be Saturday, June 25, 1994 at 12:00 noon." The Sea Coast Echo regrets any inconveniences the error may have caused.

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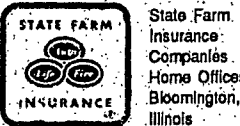
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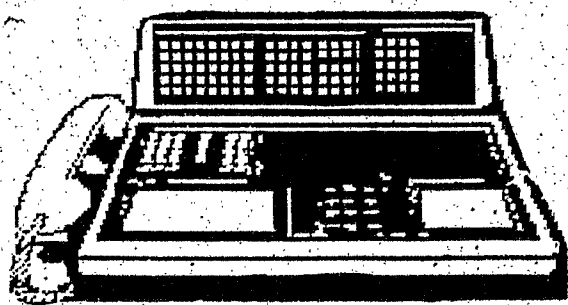
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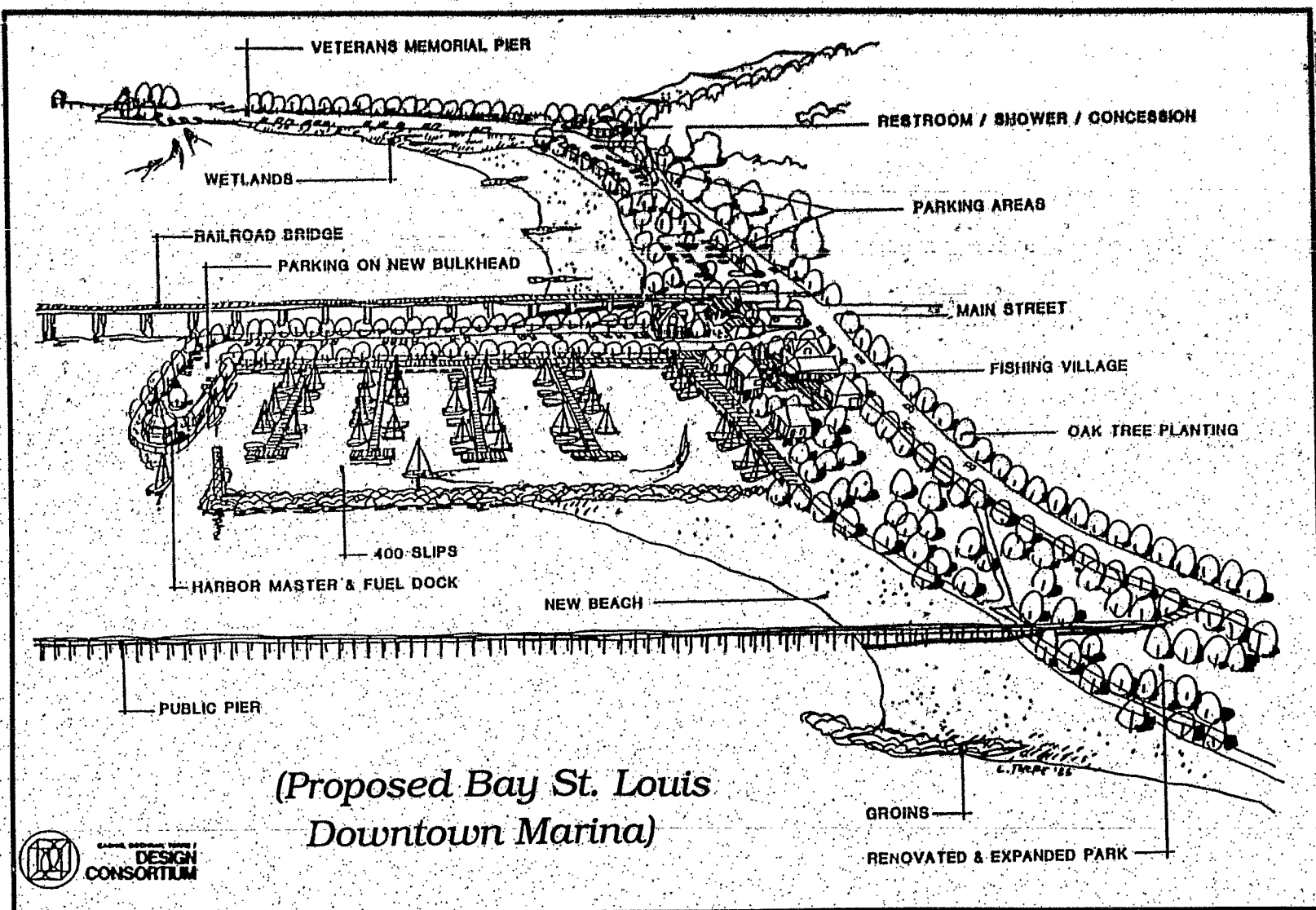
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## Marina

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and Bookter Street.

County officials, meanwhile, are hoping to improve parking and provide some public facilities along the newly renourished beachfront.

The sand beach plan called for new recreational facilities in an urban waterfront district, perhaps including a public boat launching facility just north of

the CSX bridge. It also called for a large marina facility north of the bridge, along with an extended breakwater and new parking and commercial facilities.

The marina would be located in the Main Street vicinity, between the railroad bridge and the city's Ulman Street pier,

under the master plan.

That plan also called for a recreational activity center and beach park improvements at the American Legion Pier at Washington Street.

A municipal marina also was called for in a 1987 waterfront study funded by the state. Authors of that study said a large public marina facility

downtown could become "a major attraction and revenue producer."

Once renourished with beachfront, the area from Washington Avenue to Ulman could become a major focal point for public recreation, generating new businesses and possible upscaling of specialty shops in the area.

County officials recently set aside \$260,000 from the sale of a small marina at Bayou Caddy, and earmarked it for use in building a new boat launch and marina.

Officials with Gulf Regional Planning Commission have reviewed the previous studies, and are collecting updated information before making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on where to locate the facilities.

## BMR

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expressed were from commercial fishing interests.

While the commercial fishermen were primarily concerned with the impact the reduction in daily-possession limits would have on the economic well-being of their families, they were also concerned that people who do not fish would be denied access to red drum for consumption.

Tommy Bordage, of Lakeshore, stated he felt sport fishermen killed more than the 35,000 pounds allowed commercial fishermen each year.

Don Joost, of Lakeshore, stated he felt the recreational fishermen would go fishing regardless of the size or creel limits on red fish, but commercial fishermen have to go out in order to make a living, and they should have no limits.

Another commercial fisherman said he felt the limits on commercial fishermen were not about red fish but were about driving another nail in the coffin of commercial fishermen.

He felt the commercial limits on red fish were political

because when the red fishing was closed in federal waters a few years ago he saw schools of red fish that were over a mile long.

Several commercial fishermen stated they wanted the quota increased to 70,000 pounds annually, preferably 120,000 pounds.

The recreational fishermen were represented by several speakers.

The GCCA spoke in favor of an 18-inch size limit, but the majority of the remaining speakers spoke in favor of the 16-inch size limit.

Charles Stein of Biloxi presented a petition for the 16-inch size limit that included over 500 signatures he obtained in two days.

Jim Maness presented a petition for the 16-inch size limit that contained in excess of 900 signatures obtained in Hancock County.

Issues presented by the recreational fishermen included a desire to unify the size limits of red fish with those

of other states, particularly in the biological data supports such a move.

Another issue was the concern that red fish move off shore when they are about 18 to 20 inches in length. This means the resource is unavailable to those fishermen who can't fish offshore — the seawall and per fishermen.

Jim Maness presented biological data from LDW&F that showed the Louisiana escapement rate was about 69 percent with the current 16-inch size limits.

His conclusion was to expect the escapement rate in Mississippi to be equally acceptable if the size limit would be reduced to 16 inches.

The results of the public comment meeting will be presented at the meeting of the commissioners of the Department of Wildlife, Parks and Fisheries to be held in Jackson at the end of this month.

If the commission adopts the proposed ordinance it will be in effect 30 days after the adoption.

## POA

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and a more simplified ballot will also be delivered to those who did not vote initially.

Diamondhead has faced many problems in the past with members feeling that association officials were not representing the majority of the com-

munity. The members also questioned some expenditures of money, which ended with a lawsuit filed in Chancery Court that was settled in October.

The "Better Get Involved Now" Group was organized and tried, but did not succeed in the

ousting of POA board members.

Outgoing POA president Peter J. Casano reportedly was not supporting any specific candidate, but the Echo received a ballot, identical to the official ballot, with Casano's name inserted to vote proxy, that he allegedly sent to property owners.

Casano could not be reached by telephone for comment.



## Happy Birthday

Hilda C. Cretors, 94, of Kiln, was the oldest member of Annunciation Catholic Church to attend the 125-year anniversary of the church. Cretors attended the mass, given by Bishop Joseph Howze, at the Kiln church located on Kiln-Delisle Road.

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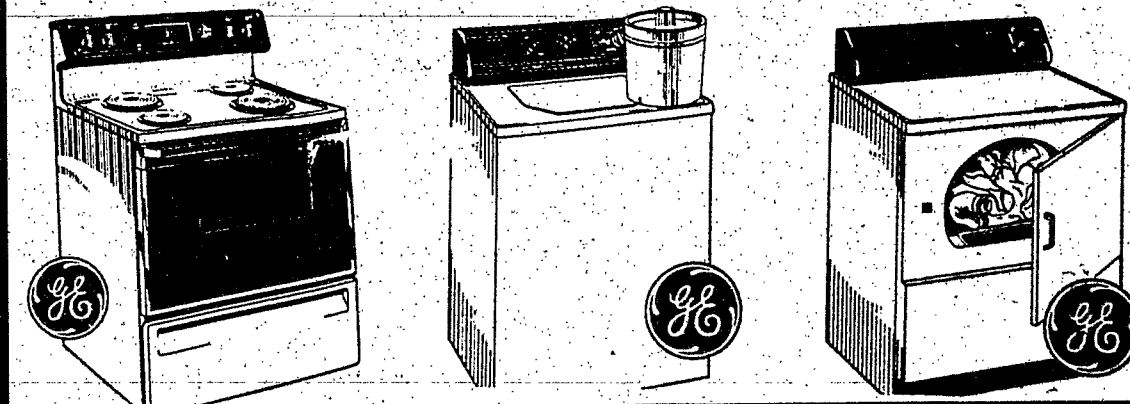
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## CUEVAS QUOTES

By Ellis C. Cuevas

Benefit dinners are popular in the area. Just about any week one can make a donation for a ticket for three or four different dinners.

Among the many varieties include, fried chicken, fish dinners, spaghetti & meatballs, red beans & rice, ham po-boys, ham & cheese po-boys, roast beef po-boys, chili, etc.

Making a donation for a ticket could help someone receive a bonemarrow transplant, have an operation, pay funeral expenses for a deceased family member, or help a church or school operate, etc.

There are many other benefits too, such as church fairs, seafood festivals, cake walks (haven't heard of as many in recent years as when I was a youngster) and the list goes on.

I have to guess that the biggest contributor in hours of time to benefit dinners, and that includes fish, spaghetti & meatballs, etc., has to be J.D. (Big John) Rutherford.

He has to be the 'king' for putting together benefit dinners in the area.

Big John is slowing down a bit, but he still continues to make his contribution to benefits.

There are others too who donate their time and energy to helping someone or an organization with a need.

They all give their time and efforts in an unselfish way to help those in need.

We do live in a concerned and a caring community and this makes it the great place it is to reside and raise a family.

I had someone ask me on Friday if I would make it stop raining for a few days.

It seems normal to have two or three showers a day, mixed with thunderstorms.

Thursday afternoon lightning struck a pine tree across the street and two doors down from my residence.

Lightning really took the bark off one side of the large pine while striking the electrical system in the home.

I, like most others have great respect for lightning, as it can be very dangerous.

It seems tall pine trees are really not a place to be under during an electrical storm.

I can recall one pine tree I saw that had been struck by lightning many years ago in the Ansley area. It looked like it exploded from being struck by a bomb and spread over a very wide area of the ground in pieces down to the size of match sticks.

I understand television repair shops have been doing a 'booming' business in recent weeks.

It seems lightning has been really going after the 'boob' tubes.

It seems Waveland may be vying for the title of champion of the 'one-eyed' vehicles.

Thursday night from Coleman Avenue to Laffite Drive on Central Avenue, I met a total of three 'one-eyed' vehicles.

I could not believe that 50% of the vehicles on that brief stretch had only one operational headlight.

It seems the state Troopers missed a few in Hancock County on their last 'operation,' but I understand they will be back again.

Motorists should realize the importance of checking their vehicles and making sure their headlights are operational.



## Stately home

The Mollere residence on Beach Boulevard, Waveland was one of several stately homes along Beach Boulevard Drive. (Card photo is courtesy of Charlene Dickinson of Bay St. Louis, who received it in a collection from her late grandmother, Mrs. Rose Ernst, a camp owner in Waveland for many years.) The Echo welcomes photos older than 25 years for publication. They will be returned to their owners.



## FROM THE SENATE

By Senator Trent Lott

### Mississippians' LEAP for education

While Washington is debating the whens and whereof of welfare reform, Mississippians are taking the initiative at the grassroots level and educating themselves off the welfare rolls.

Through Project LEAP — which stands for Learn, Earn and Prosper — Mississippians who have problems reading and writing are learning to improve their literacy and get into the work force. They are accomplishing this by taking part in interactive classes broadcast by satellite from the University of Mississippi campus at Oxford.

I recently had the opportunity to bring together a meeting between Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala and Dr. Edwin E. Meek, who is pioneering this innovative literacy initiative at the University of Mississippi.

Our purpose was to convince Secretary Shalala that LEAP would make an excellent model for literacy programs around the country. We made a similar presentation several weeks ago to Education Secretary Richard Riley who as the former governor of South Carolina shares Mississippi's concerns in education.

I toured the LEAP facility earlier this year and met some of the dedicated teachers who broadcast four days a week to 80 adult education centers throughout the state with the capacity to reach about 5,000 students.

These centers with teachers also on site are located in public schools, libraries, armories and even vacant buildings. Access to television teachers is provided through toll-free phone lines at each LEAP location.

A public-private partnership, LEAP is a multi-million dollar project funded by the Mississippi Job Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS) program and Ole Miss.

Mobile learning laboratories,

made possible by funds contributed by McCarty Hollman and Keebler Cookie Company, complement LEAP's outreach. A combination of federal and private dollars and local cable companies have provided satellite antennas and channel space.

LEAP is the first project anywhere that uses satellite technology to help educate people so they can get off welfare and into paying jobs. Its first year has concentrated on establishing literacy programs in Mississippi's more rural areas.

After only six months of operation, Dr. Meek reported outstanding progress for the first 668 students served by LEAP. Seventy-nine percent of upper level students received the General Educational Development certificates.

Sixteen percent became employed while in LEAP, and 30 percent progressed to a higher learning level (there are three levels).

Thirteen percent entered community college or other training programs, and some enrolled at Ole Miss. Five percent no longer needed welfare.

Using state-of-the-art technology, LEAP has produced many success stories, and it is a program in which all of Mississippi can take pride.

It does not surprise me that Mississippi is finding remedies to illiteracy problems in the common sense and innovative ideas of those most concerned: local education and business leaders and those Mississippians who simply are looking for the opportunity to improve themselves. Hopefully Washington will take note.

Senator Lott welcomes any questions and/or comments about this column. Please write to: Senator Trent Lott, 487 Russell Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 (Attention: Press Office).

## FROM THE STATE AUDITOR

### GENERAL

Q May a county/city hospital sponsor a picnic for its employees and their families using hospital funds?

A No. (Attorney General's opinion to Moeller dated Nov. 10, 1993)

Q Are school districts, counties and municipalities exempt from state sales tax when purchasing property, labor or services?

A Yes, if sold to, billed directly to and payment is made directly by the governmental entities. (§27-65-105)

Q Are school districts, counties and municipalities authorized to reimburse employees for sales tax paid on motel charges personally incurred while traveling on official business?

A Yes, because the state sales tax governmental exemption does not apply to indirect bills and payments. (§27-65-105)

Q Are receipts required to support reimbursement of meal cost incurred by officers/employees while traveling on official business?

A The state meal reimbursement policy does not require receipts for meals but it does

establish a maximum daily rate for reimbursements. Agencies or governing authorities may in their discretion require receipts for meals.

Q May counties and municipalities use state insurance rebate monies for liability insurance purchases?

A No. (Attorney General's opinion to Dale dated Dec. 1, 1993)

Q Has the maximum daily meal reimbursement policy been changed for the period of Jan. 1, 1994, through June 30, 1994?

A Yes. Generally, the maximum daily meal reimbursement for in-state travel remains at \$20. However, meal reimbursement for in-state travel in a high cost area will be allowed up to \$23 per day.

In-state high cost area is defined as those areas which have experienced significant impact from the gaming and tourist industry. Examples are Adams, Harrison, Hancock, Jackson, Tunica and Warren counties. (Department of Finance and Administration memorandum dated Dec. 13, 1993)

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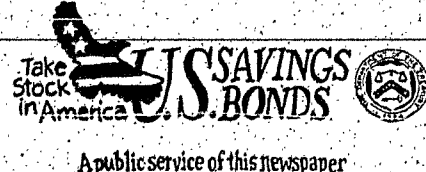
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# Spectrum Casino drops Corps permit application

**BY MARY G. SEILEY**  
Spectrum Gaming has dropped its application for a Corps of Engineers permit—but the controversial casino it wants to build at Henderson Point is still up for action at the state level Thursday.

"As far as we're concerned, it's all systems go," said James Guay, Spectrum vice president for marketing. "The commission hearing is still on."

Spectrum's application for site approval is up for action by the Gaming Commission at a 9 a.m. meeting June 30, at Treasure Bay Hotel in Biloxi.

Guay had no explanation for withdrawal of the casino's permit application, saying news of that development came as a surprise to casino officials.

He referred questions to the casino's attorney, Gerald Blessey in Biloxi. Blessey was not reached for comment.

Spectrum's plan for a casino at Henderson Point, just south of the Highway 90 bridge, have been intensely opposed by residents of the area. Last fall, the Harrison County Board of Supervisors went on record opposing the development, fol-

lowing a public hearing that drew hundreds of opponents.

Earlier this month, the commission put Spectrum on its agenda for action, even though the proposal hadn't passed the environmental clearance process at the state and federal level.

Commission officials said that environmental clearance isn't necessarily a prerequisite for site approval.

Friday, Ronald Krizman of the Corps permitting division in Mobile said Spectrum had submitted an application several weeks ago. It was withdrawn

Thursday, based on a request of Spectrum's consulting engineers, Moran & Seymour, Krizman said.

The Corps hadn't begun to consider the application for dredging to accommodate the casino barge, Krizman said.

Meanwhile, Spectrum hasn't submitted an application to the state Bureau of Marine Resources—usually the first step in the environmental permitting process. Officials at BMR said Friday they've seen nothing from the casino concerning the Henderson Point project.

## Public

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For instance, if officials decide there's too much property designated for industrial use in residential neighborhoods, the industrial property may be rezoned.

City Council has hired a consulting firm from Jackson to help with the comprehensive plan, but the local commission is in charge of gathering the public's opinion on land use and growth issues.

Commission Chairman Les Fillingame said Thursday once the public forums are finished, the consultants will mesh public sentiment into the formal plan to be put up for adoption by City Council.

At the end of the process, city officials expect to have a formal hearing on details of the proposed citywide plan.

In addition to the seven planning sessions on specific areas, commission members will be considering issues that cut through the city geographically, including historic preservation, institutions such as schools, medical facilities and religious facilities; the waterfront and industry.

In addition to the July 7th session, the commission set the following schedule of meetings, all beginning at 7 p.m.:

- July 14: Downtown depot and industrial district;
- July 21: Highway commercial corridor;
- July 28: Casino special use district;
- Aug. 4: Ward 1;
- Aug. 11: Ward 2;
- Aug. 18: Ward 3.

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## Coast to host major gaming expo, conference

The Mississippi Gulf Coast will host a major gaming industry exposition and conference. Designed to service existing casinos and attract gaming industry officials from throughout the United States and some foreign countries, the Southeastern Gaming Business Expo will be held in Biloxi at the Coast Convention Center Aug. 9-11.

"The goal of the Development Commission and the Mississippi Department of Economic and Community Development is to increase employment in our state by encouraging vendors to manufacture and distribute from Mississippi," Mike Olivier said of the project.

The Development Commission's executive director, Olivier said, "Most Mississippi residents do not realize just how big the gaming industry is to our state. With 21 casinos now operating in Mississippi, we have nearly twice the floor space as does New Jersey, and

that does not count another four scheduled to open soon," he said.

"The Mississippi Gulf Coast is a natural site for the Gaming Expo," Olivier said. "With 50 percent of Mississippi's casinos located in our area, plus 20 golf courses, award-winning restaurants and 26 miles of snow-white sand and water, the Mississippi beach is a genuine natural for the event, and we look forward to hosting industry officials from a wide area," he said.

A spokesman for the Mississippi Casino Operators Association agrees with Olivier's appraisal of the industry, saying no other Mississippi industry in this century has grown at the breakneck speed experienced by casino gaming. Industry analysts project that by the end of 1994, Mississippi casinos will directly employ more than 25,000 Mississippians, with an annual payroll exceeding \$450 million.

The event will be managed and produced by MarketSouth Productions, and will include sponsorship from private industry and publication sources.

"Based on a sample screening, we think we are talking about 150 to 200 exhibitors," said James Watts of MarketSouth. "It's being very well accepted," he said.

Olivier said the Expo has been discussed with casino owners and operators, elected officials, economic and tourism officials. "Everyone wants to play a role because everyone wins. We are talking about more jobs, more opportunity, a larger tax base and a stronger hold on the industry that is fast becoming Mississippi's largest employer," he said.

Although exhibit space has not gone on sale, interested parties can telephone 1-800-999-EXPO (3976) for additional information. Promotional material will be available soon.

## Horse's skin needs special attention

By Dr. Wynn Jones  
Veterinarian  
MSU College of  
Veterinary Medicine

"I have noticed a number of bare patches on our 8-year-old horse. He doesn't appear to be sick in any other way. What causes this skin condition?" Several types of skin diseases

can affect horses. Some of the more common ones include lousiness, ringworm, sweet itch, mud fever and cracked heels.

If the bare patches are not accompanied with a scaly center or surrounded by a crusty ring, your horse may have some kind of lice, otherwise known as lousiness.

Unless they are regularly groomed, horses easily can become infested with lice. The condition is most often seen in late winter or early spring.

The bare patches develop because the horse rubs so much due to the intense itching caused by the parasites. The itching can be so intense that the horse not only rubs out the hair but causes a raw patch as well.

While rubbed places may occur on all parts of the horse's body, it is most often seen on the hind quarters and sides of the neck.

There are two types of lice that may affect horses, either the biting or sucking variety. The lice can be big enough to see with the naked eye or be so small that they can only be found by searching carefully. Either way, the condition must be treated.

There are various louse powders and washes on the market. Check with your veterinarian to find out what he or she recommends.

Some veterinarians recommend clipping the horse before

applying the treatment, to take away cover for the lice. When a long coat is removed, you may find the infestation is worse than first suspected.

Lousiness is contagious since the lice lay eggs that stick to the hair. So if you clip your horse you must burn or bury the clippings.

Affected horses may be in poor condition and even may be anemic, so iron supplements may be necessary. Ask your veterinarian for more information.

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"My cat has been limping when he walks on hard surfaces, such as the patio or pavement. But when he walks on grass or soft ground, he doesn't limp. What is wrong with him?"

It sounds as though your cat is suffering from cracked pads. Cats with cracked paw pads usually will exhibit discomfort only when they walk on hard surfaces.

Take a close look at your cat's paws under a bright light and make sure the trouble is not the result of a cut pad.

If the pads are simply cracked or sore, try soaking the injured paw in a solution of strong, cooled tea and about 4 tablespoons of witch hazel. Try to do this about three or four times a day.

Afterward, rub olive oil, baby oil or lanolin into the cracked areas. Generally, if cut or cracked pads are not bleeding, the less treatment, the better.

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If you have questions concerning a pet's health, write Dr. Wynn Jones, MSU/CVM, Box 9825, Mississippi State, MS 39762.

## Waveland

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position was mandated and that it only paid \$100 per month.

"I want to know if the city is responsible for paying the salary or is the county?" Weidman said.

Gex said that he would check on the matter after Weidman said that he had come across a state statute that may require the county to pay the salary.

After purchasing an ad from the Bay-Waveland Elks Lodge for \$140 there was some controversy as to how big of an ad should be purchased from the Bay-Waveland Girls Softball Tournament.

Hubbard wanted to purchase an ad for \$50 since the city is a sponsor of one of the teams. The smallest ad price was \$25 and the highest \$100.

Weidman wanted to buy a \$25 ad since there was only \$500 in the budget and they had just purchased a \$140 ad.

## Peterson-Cuevas

David and Jeanette Peterson of Pass Christian, proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Crystal, to Jeffery Cuevas of Pass Christian.

He is the son of Carl Wayne and Karen Cuevas of Pass Christian.

She attended Harrison Central High School and Jefferson Davis Junior College. She is currently employed with Carlos Industry.

The prospective bridegroom attended Hancock High School and is currently employed with Hamilton and Loveless.

The wedding will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 9 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dedeaux. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.



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## Jump Rope Winners

St. Clare Jump Rope for Heart Winners: Michael Bourgeois, Nicholas Dudek, Jeff Hansell, Isaac Schmitt, Renee Romain, Destin Carver, first place winner, and Stephen Cook, second place.



## ARTIN' ABOUT

### Art workshops

Summer art workshops for youngsters, age 7-14, are being offered from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays through Fridays for two weeks for \$60 per week. July 5-15: Drawing and Painting I. July 19-29: Drawing and Painting II. Contact Kat Fitzpatrick, 233 Boardman Street, Bay St. Louis, 467-6899.

### Additional performances

Gulfport Little Theatre announces additional performances for the hit musical by Neil & Kitty Stallings, "Last Call." Performances have been arranged for Friday and Saturday, June 24 and 25 at 8 p.m. For information and reservations, call 601-864-7983.

### Children auditions

Auditions for Gulfport Little Theatre's Let's Pretend Players' production of an original musical version of "Charlotte's Web" will be June 29 and 30 at the theatre from 4-7 p.m. Children will need to prepare a song to sing. Rehearsals will be 5-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, July 11-28 at the theatre with performances July 29 and 30 at 7 p.m. and July 31 at 2 p.m. Tickets will be \$3 students 18 and under and \$5 for adults. For information call 601-864-7983.

### Theatre camp

Gulfport Little Theatre announces the Let's Pretend Players Summer Theatre Camp and Production. The camp will be July 18-28, Monday through Thursday from 1-4:30 p.m. for youths ages 8 through high school.

Registration is limited to 30 children. Tuition is \$65 and includes supplies and snacks. For more information and/or registration, call 864-7983 or 864-0970.

### Wildfowl festival

Coast artists should get entries ready to compete in the Louisiana Wildfowl Carvers and Collectors Guild 20th annual festival and arts competition August 13-14 at the Health and Physical Education Building at the University of New Orleans. The primary emphasis of the festival is decoy carving, but has broadened to include photography, painting, pyrographic art, fish carving, miniature boats and a miscellaneous carving category.

In 1993, the competition had over 100 photographic entries and 159 carvers from around the country. Coast artists who have won in previous years include Nadine Stamm, Lois Griffin, Dan Herbold and Dr. William Clement.

For more information and contest rules call LWCCG president

## Summer art workshops

dent Bo Wolf at (504) 242-0578, another committee member or write the guild at P.O. Box 10883, New Orleans, La., 70181.

### New Orleans Opera

A season of action, treachery, vengeance, doomed love and some of the world's most beautiful music takes center stage as the New Orleans Opera Association announces its lineup for 1994-95.

Operas to be staged next season include: —*Macbeth* by Giuseppe Verdi, September 21 and 24, 1994; —*Elektra* by Richard Strauss, October 26 and 29, 1994; —*La Bohème* by Giacomo Puccini, November 23 and 26, 1994; —and *Eugene Onegin* by Pyotr Illych Tchaikovsky, April 5 and 8, 1995.

The operas will be performed at the Theatre of the Performing Arts, 801 North Rampart Street (Louis Armstrong Park), New Orleans on Wednesday and Saturday evenings. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m.

Single tickets for individual shows go on sale August 15. For ticket information call the opera office at (504) 529-2278 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. Visa and Mastercard accepted.

### BSLT memberships

Memberships are available to the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre, with several sponsorship levels. For additional information, call Beth Benvenuti, membership chairman, 467-1402.

Submissions to Artin' About should be sent to The Sea Coast Echo, P.O. Box 2009, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520. Notices will be edited and published on a space-available basis.

## Officers election to be held

The Bay Area Youth Soccer annual meeting and election of officers and commissioners will be Monday, June 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Mississippi Power in Bay St. Louis.

Officers and commissioners serve a two-year term with offset elections each year.

The nominating committee has submitted the following names for consideration: president — Art Rieben; treasurer — Neil Farve; secretary — Andy Kivlin; commissioners — Jeff Hansel, Mark Turner, Marco Giardino, Pat Rich and Tom Demboski.

Allen Jensen is returning as vice president and Barbara Brodtmann and Steve Leonard are returning as commissioners for one year.

All parents, coaches, referees and sponsors are encouraged to attend and anyone interested in coaching next year should attend as well.

## Baxter named to Who's Who professional directory

George L. Baxter, president and chief operating officer of Alpha Gulf Coast Inc., d.b.a. Bayou Caddy's Jubilee Casino is one of the newest professionals to be selected for inclusion in International Who's Who, The Ultimate Professional Directory.

The organization and its accompanying annual publication were founded to recognize the achievements of qualified professionals while simultaneously providing a practical, reference-quality business and business-to-business directory of its exclusive membership.

New members are selected following interview and biographical review.

Baxter's professional background is extensive. Alpha Gulf Coast Inc. d.b.a. Bayou Caddy's Jubilee Casino is the management operations firm for gaming facilities and gaming machines placed in various locations in counties along the Mississippi River and Gulf Coast area.

As president and COO, Baxter is on the board of directors of Alpha Gulf Coast Inc. and has the responsibility for the management of Bayou Caddy's Jubilee Casino enterprise.

Baxter has more than 40 years experience in the hotel/casino industry. He has served in executive casino positions for a number of major gaming properties.

In addition to his extensive

Nevada experience, he was one of the first to head a casino operation aboard a cruise ship in Mississippi. The ship operated a full-scale casino while sailing in international waters in the Gulf of Mexico.

He is qualified in the operation and control of all casino games and considered an expert in the detection and use of illegal gaming devices.

In conjunction with marketing personnel, Baxter has authored and produced many successful casino promotion projects.

He is familiar with Mississippi gaming law history and the most current legislation. The Mississippi Gaming Control Act, which was approved by the Mississippi State Legislature and became law in 1990.

Established in 1992, Bayou Caddy's Jubilee Casino currently employs more than 1,225 persons.

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Gulf Coast Hotel and Motel Association; Published in *Gaming Quarterly* and referred to Baxter as "one of the foremost authorities on casino gaming;" Co-author of *World Championship of Blackjack*, which resulted in him appearing on ABC's national television program, "Wide World of Sports;" Appearances on major cable network channels as expert in gaming field; Fund raiser coordinator, funds raised through golf tournament for Hancock County Heart Association.

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## COOKING UP A STORM

By Katy McGuire Caire

I'd find it almost no hardship at all to become a vegetarian these spring days, when fresher-than-fresh vegetables and colorful fresh fruits of all sorts are on hand in abundance.

I often start out to prepare a mound of fresh assorted vegetable destined for some sort of dish, only to find that, with my nibbling and tasting as I go, I sometimes am left with not quite enough for the dish which I had intended to fix!

So, I improvise, and then buy more and so it goes! Those fresh "veggies" beckon to the cook seeking a fast but nutritious meal for the family, now that we no longer "cook 'em down" to mush. Most of us cook the vegetables quickly in a minimum amount of water or other liquid.

I like to mix fresh corn (cut off the cob) with cut-up tomatoes and zucchini and onions and summer squash all together, then saute quickly in a little olive oil and dashes of lemon and pepper. This is tasty served hot, or next day, served cold as a salad, with splashes of oil and vinegar.

Especially do I savor the com-

bination of fresh corn and fresh juicy tomatoes, as in:

### TOMATOES AND CORN CREOLE STYLE

2 slices bacon, chopped  
1 large onion, chopped  
1 medium bell pepper, chopped  
2 1/2 cups peeled and chopped fresh tomatoes  
2 cups fresh corn cut from the cob  
1/2 bay leaf  
Pepper, salt to taste

Cook bacon crisp. Remove from skillet, reserving drippings in skillet. Crumble bacon and set aside. Saute the onion and bell pepper in the drippings until tender. Add the tomatoes and bay leaf and bring to a boil.

Reduce the heat, and simmer for five minutes, stirring from time to time. Stir in the corn, and return to a boil. Again, reduce the heat and simmer for five minutes more, adding seasonings. Remove the bay leaf, and sprinkle bacon over the dish before serving (4 to 6 servings).

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## REFLECTIONS ON LIFE

By Father Jerome LeDoux, SVD

Alton had built many houses with his father and brother, but during this construction a pain stabbed him in the chest as if a bullet had impacted. The pain was unbearable.

"I have crawled hundreds of feet from my garden bent double by kidney stones, and I have suffered injuries and other pains. However, nothing came close to the pain in my heart.

"The doctor diagnosed my pains as torn cartilage in the chest, so he gave me pain pills. The intense pains subsided, only to return the next day. So I went back to the doctor.

"You're having a heart attack!" the doctor advised me. "You've got to get to a hospital."

"They would not admit me since I had driven myself there and since the doctor who had examined me was not a member of the hospital staff. I called another name equally in vain.

"I sat in the admitting room for several hours, waiting for someone to write me up. After an agonizing wait, a passing

nurse noticed me and, seeing me in a cold sweat, got me to the emergency room.

"The young doctor on duty, realizing he did not have the expertise for treating me, contacted the doctor on call. She refused to come because of a birthday party. I overheard this in a telephone exchange between emergency and the doctor."

The young doctor continually took EKGs, faxing them to a doctor in another city for analysis. Toward the end of his workday, he informed Alton that he was about to leave:

"You have been lying here all day in pain. I cannot in conscience leave you without sending you to a hospital which can take care of you. I have an ambulance ready to transfer you to the doctor who has been analyzing your EKGs."

The chief cardiologist was waiting for him in the parking lot and put him in ICU immediately where he spent 10 days. On the morning of the second

## Wake up, SS!

day, in the midst of his continuing heart attack, he was presented in bed with a \$10,000 bill.

The hospital bill eventually totalled \$25,000, not including what Alton would have to spend on the doctor's bill, the after-hours ambulance and medication. And all this without insurance, of course.

"There's nothing else we can do for you!" the hospital informed him after 10 days. "You will have 6 pills to take to control your heart pains and diabetes."

Surely, with all this, you will say, Alton had no problem getting a medical card from the welfare or some help from Social Security. Well, he's been trying doggedly for 18 months, and he appears to be no closer now than when he began.

One would have thought that the words of the cardiologist who examined him should convince Social Security:

"(Alton) is under my care and had been followed for coronary

artery disease with angina and diabetes mellitus. He has sustained acute myocardial infarction in December, 1992.

"The patient had been doing manual jobs and has been unable to do so because of onset of angina on exertion. He is considered totally disabled... unfit to do any work."

The SS (an apt abbreviation) doctors ignored it. Said one lawyer: "You'll be dead before you get help from SS."

"But I contributed 30 years to SS," said Alton.

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## ASK THE V.A.

By Donald Mauffray

VA has announced that veterans and their families will now have the choice of either granite or marble when applying for a traditional, upright headstone to mark a veteran's grave.

Initially, the granite headstone will be available only to mark veterans' graves in private or state-run veterans cemeteries. VA will assess the acceptance of the granite stone at a later date before deciding whether to make it available for use in VA national cemeteries.

Between 1941 and 1947, the graves of some veterans were marked with upright, granite headstones. The War Department,

which was responsible for the program at that time, discontinued use of the granite monuments in 1947 because low demand resulted in increased costs.

Prompted by requests from veterans, VA recently reviewed market conditions and determined that current low prices for granite warranted reintroduction of the granite headstones.

The stones will be exactly the same size as the marble headstones: 42 inches high, 13 inches wide, and 4 inches thick. The weight is approximately 230 pounds.

The granite used for the

Granite headstones available for veterans

headstones will be light gray in color, the same as the flat granite markers now available.

In addition to the upright granite and marble headstones, VA offers flat, 12-inch by 24-inch gravemarkers in bronze, marble and granite. Bronze niche markers are also available in the size of 5.5 inches by 8.5 inches.

If a grave is already marked by a private monument, VA is not authorized to also provide a government headstone or marker.

Anyone wishing more information on headstones, markers, etc., can call toll-free 1-800-697-6947.

## CONSUMER UPDATE

How safe are our savings?

By Jan Lukens, MBA, CFP  
Consumer Money  
Management Specialist

From our bank deposits to pension funds, the headlines have taught us to question the safety of the dollars we save. Recent inquiries of a money management center client reminded me of the uncertainty consumers feel.

It is important to know what protection is offered before depositing money. Some of the more common institutions and insurance provided are listed below.

The savings protection we are most familiar with is Federal Depositors Insurance Corporation (FDIC). It insures deposits in federal and most state banks. Each basic account is insured up to \$100,000. Insured banks must display the official FDIC sign in each teller's window.

The FDIC is on hand and usually begins payment by check to the depositors within three to five days after the date of a bank's closure. If questions are not answered locally, FDIC provides a toll-free hotline for answering questions. The number is 800-934-3342.

FDIC does not insure the mutual funds which are sometimes sold in a bank or bank building.

Savings and Loan insurance is a separate fund under the management of FDIC. It also insures accounts up to \$100,000.

Those with uninsured money in a federally insured institution (deposits above the allowable limits) must wait in line with other creditors and might receive stock or a portion of tot-

al, uninsured deposits.

Protection for dollars invested with a brokerage firm is offered by regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Security Investors Protection Corporation (SIPC) offers protection of \$500,000 for every customer account in case of liquidation or bankruptcy of an SIPC firm.

Cash or check limit is \$100,000; the remainder may be in securities. Some firms buy more insurance. Certificates of Deposit bought at a brokerage firm may be insured by FDIC.

There is no insurance that guarantees safety of any specific company. SIPC does not protect against losses resulting from the rise and fall in market value of your investment.

The National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) provides protection for \$100,000 per base account at a Credit Union. The NCUA district office is located in Atlanta, Ga., and intervenes immediately in a bankruptcy.

NCUA pays depositors by check. Questions concerning

NCUA may be answered by calling 404-255-6828. Questions can be directed to the Mississippi Credit Union System, 981-4552.

State and local pension plans in the U.S. are underfunded to the tune of some \$125 billion. There is protection for pension plans, though it can be limited.

The federally backed Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) makes pension payments in the event of failure of a pension plan.

The maximum benefit is \$30,000 per year. Also, PBGC protection is lost when a company substitutes an annuity from an insurance company for the pension plan.

Every state requires that insurance companies pay into state-administered funds to pay the claims of customers of insurance companies that fail.

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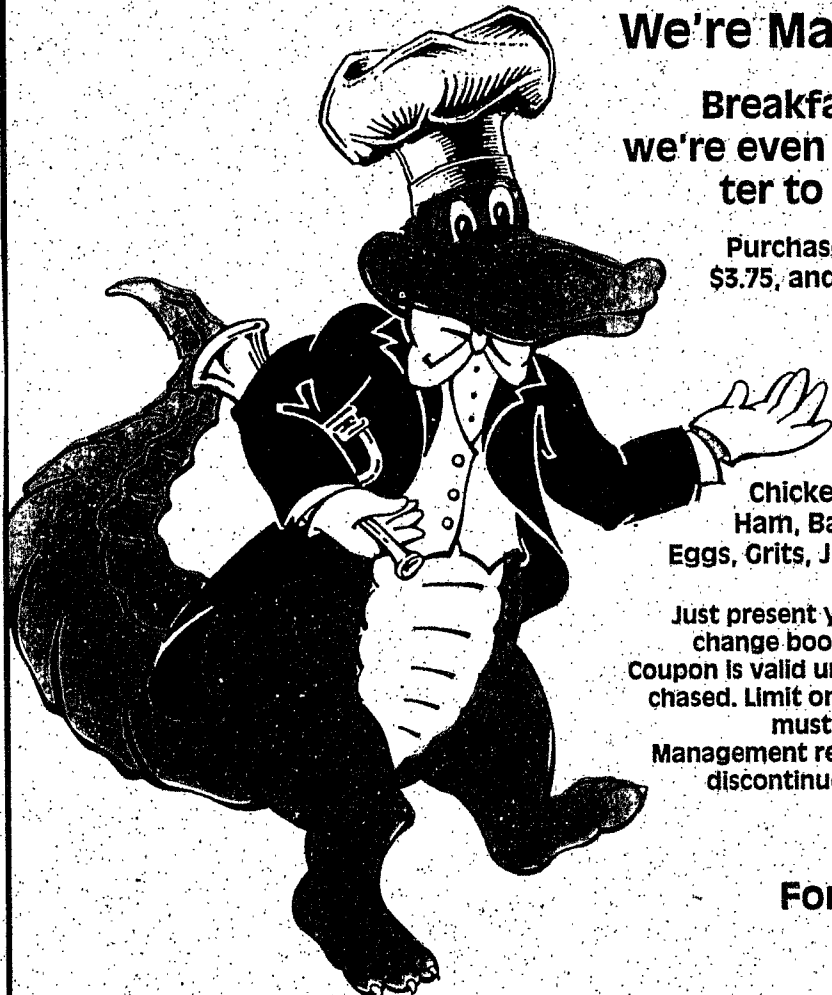
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## BREWER'S WORLD

By Jimmie Brewer

Let's get wet

My heart was pounding as she approached. Her beauty against the early morning sun was breathtaking.

She carried an air of confidence as she gracefully moved towards me. It was as if I were caught in a time warp, unable to move or see anything except her.

Beads of perspiration began to appear on my eye brows as I anticipated our encounter.

God, she was beautiful. Her eyes were golden brown, her hair like silk, her long legs and slender body molded together to make the perfect creation.

I longed to embrace her, but I was paralyzed by her presence. My heart was racing, my legs unsteady.

I tried to speak, but nothing came out.

We stood face to face for what seemed an eternity. The world around me stood silent and motionless.

Her face was as pure as the driven snow, her breathing was steady and hypnotic. It seemed as if she were looking right through me, as if there were a window directly to my soul.

I knew I was not worthy of her, and I wondered why she had chosen me of all people.

Finally, having worked up enough courage, I raised my arms to cradle this picture of art.

Suddenly she lunged forward, parted her lips and snatched the piece of bacon I still held in my hand.

She was happily barking and wagging her tail as she trotted down the street back to her master's house.

How's that for a waker-upper?

Yee hah, it's raining again! Wow, there's something majestic about getting wet in the rain.

It's kinda like doing some-

thing you ain't supposed to do, but it's LEGAL.

It's just another one of those recreational pleasures the Coast has to offer that's FREE.

Hey, it's also extremely therapeutic.

Having kind of a down day? Stand out in a downpour fully clothed and wave at the cars going down your street. That, my friends, is guaranteed to cheer you up.

Having an argument with your other half? Move the argument outside in the rain. I assure you it won't take long before you're laughing at each other and frolicking around the yard like teenagers.

Having some morale problems in your office lately? Hold your next monthly meeting outside on the parking lot in the rain! Talk about a morale booster. Your profits are sure to go through the ceiling!

I never heard of rain hurting

anybody. In fact, it's God's way of invigorating all of His creations; the plants, the animals, the lakes and streams, and the humans.

He must have thought us Southerners needed it a little bit more than the rest. So for those of you who haven't tried it lately, give it a go, ole mate.

In fact, if it's raining Sunday morning, I expect to see all my readers sitting in a lawnchair in the middle of your yard reading this newspaper. Don't worry if your paper gets wet. That's part of the fun.

Praise for do-gooders this week goes out to all you environment-conscious folks out there who do their little bit to preserve Mother Nature.

Okay folks, get out in the rain and have a ball.

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## Native plants best to conserve

By Dr. Milo Burnham  
Horticulturist  
Mississippi Cooperative  
Extension Service

To me, landscaping for water conservation means selecting and using plant materials that are relatively drought tolerant.

One of the easiest ways to do this when new construction is involved is to leave some existing vegetation around a house site.

Trees, shrubs and plant materials growing on a wooded lot usually have been there for years with no care at all. Plan to use what you can of this vegetation by clearing only the house site and not the whole property.

If the land has been cleared or has no vegetation because of recent cultivation, just wait and see what comes up. This isn't a very practical approach, and you can count on your neighbors not liking it.

But if you leave the land alone you'll probably have cedars, broom sedge and other plants starting from seeds lying dormant in the soil or deposited by local birds.

The point is, when water conservation is important, the plants that survive in woods, along roadsides and at abandoned home sites are the plants to use.

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These plants survive without a great deal of regular care and watering.

If you want to use some relatively care-free plants, consider these ground cover plants and vines: trumpet creeper, Carolina jessamine, cross vine, wisteria, liriope, May apple, English ivy and trumpet honeysuckle.

Some small trees in this category include red cedar, red-bud, river birch, possumhaw holly, chaste tree (Vitex agnus-castus), goldenrain tree and flame buckeye.

Hardy shrubs include native yaupon, junipers, cherry laurel, beauty-berry (Callicarpa), barberry, oleander, spirea, winter honeysuckle and flame buckeye.

These are just some of the plants with the ability to not only survive but to thrive with little or no care. If they are not on your property, most of them can be purchased at local

nurseries.

Of course newly planted trees and shrubs need some care, such as watering during hot, dry periods until established. But after that they should get along fine with little or no care.

If you select plants ordinarily found in shaded areas, don't expect them to thrive if you place them in full sun, and full sun plants aren't going to survive if planted in shade.

Besides selecting adapted plants, use organic mulches to improve the organic matter and water holding capacity of the soil.

Mulches shade the soil surface from drying winds and keep water from evaporating in the hot sun. You also may want to replace a portion of the lawn with a mulched bed to cut down on lawn care and watering.

Flowering annuals and bedding plants usually aren't

known for drought resistance and low water requirements. Since they all typically are shallow rooted, they begin to suffer as soon as the top layers of soil become dry.

In nature the colorful, flowering annuals generally have a very short life cycle that revolves around growing rapidly, flowering and making a bunch of seeds in a very short time.

Some of the flowering perennials get around the problems of summer heat and drought by going dormant.

Other flowering perennials that bloom in the fall are just tough, such as asters and goldenrod. Butterfly weed is an excellent summer flowering perennial that deserves a place in everyone's perennial border.

Not every plant listed is going to do well for all gardeners in the state. While some of the plants are widely adapted, others won't survive in all parts of the state either because of soil or temperature conditions.

Where drought intolerant plants are used, they stand a better chance of surviving with reduced water usage when they are mulched and watered using a drip irrigation system.

Use a combination of these water conserving practices to have an attractive and well-landscaped yard.

## Special collars help train dogs

By Dr. Wynn Jones  
Veterinarian  
MSU College of  
Veterinary Medicine

"My wife and I own an 8-month-old boxer who needs training. I want to use a choke collar, but my wife thinks they are too harsh. Are choke collars okay to use?"

A training collar, or a choke collar, is fine if you use it correctly. The proper way to put on a training collar is with the loose ring at the right of the dog's neck. Attach the chain to it after coming over the neck and through the holding ring rather than under the neck.

Training collars are effective because they allow you to exert as much or as little control as you need. You can get your dog's attention by giving a light, quick snap on the lead. This momentarily tightens the collar around the neck before you release the pressure. The collar will loosen instantly, and the correction is made.

A slight tug on the lead may be all that's required, while other dogs may need a little more exertion on the lead. With training the dog will learn to respond to slightest correction.

While the training collar can be very effective when used properly, it can be very harmful and even torturous if used incorrectly. Never use the training collar to exert constant pressure on the dog's neck.

If you use a training collar, it is a good idea to introduce it to your dog slowly. Put the collar on and let him wear it for a day before attempting to do any-

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thing further. Snap the lead on the collar, and let him drag it around for a while to get used to it. Be sure to watch him to see that he doesn't get tangled on something and become frightened.

When you feel he is used to the lead, take up your end of it and walk around him, applying little or no pressure. Gradually, over a short period, increase your control until he learns that even though the leash restrains him, it is nothing to fear.

Be sure to familiarize yourself with the proper way to use a training collar before putting one on your dog.

"Recently, my cat came inside, and I noticed her nose bleeding. I thought she got hurt somehow outside and didn't worry too much about it. But since that time she has had more nosebleeds. What could be the problem?"

A nosebleed is typically a symptom of another problem. Things which may cause nosebleeds include an automobile accident, tumors, decayed tooth sockets, excessive sneezing, a foreign body, parasites and high blood pressure. Determining the cause of the problem is probably going to be the job of your veterinarian.

However, when your cat does have a nosebleed, there are a few steps you should take. First sponge the nostrils dry with absorbent cotton. Examine the nostrils under a bright light to determine the location of the hemorrhage.

If you see a foreign object, you may want to get your veterinarian to remove it carefully with tweezers rather than attempting removal yourself. The inside of your cat's nose is very sensitive, so do not poke around if you do not see anything. You may also apply cold compresses or ice cubes to the bridge of the cat's nose to help stop the bleeding.

While most nosebleeds will subside within a short time, it still is very important to have the cat examined by a veterinarian to determine the cause of the problem, especially if the problem continues for some time.

If you have questions concerning a pet's health, write Dr. Wynn Jones, MSU/CVM, Box 9825, Mississippi State, MS 39762.

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## Renegade tornado

Story and photos  
By Charlee Marshall

A couple of weeks ago the Catahoula home of Roland and Lethia Cuevas was decorated with fragrant, cream-colored magnolias and greenery for a wedding. This week it is adorned with twisted metal, splintered wood, shredded pieces of pink insulation and smells of sopping-wet carpet.

The double-wide mobile home that Roland called the couple's "showplace" was nearly demolished by a freak tornado on Wednesday afternoon during a particularly bad rain storm. The insurance adjuster deemed the place "totaled" as he would have a wrecked car that couldn't be repaired.

The Cuevas family has gotten over the initial shock of losing their home, enough to where they are joking with friends and neighbors who have come by to offer their help, but the laughter doesn't wipe away the hurt.

Roland, who works long hours at Avondale Shipyards, put in the better part of two years covering the mobile home with a handsome wood shell and adding a roof, front porch, two bedrooms and back porch.

He'll build again, this time it may be a house farther back on the property, he said, but for now, there are cleanup chores. His son's young friends are lending a hand. Roland said the same ones helped by fetching his tools and nails and doing odd jobs when he was constructing the additions.

Most of the family members were elsewhere when the tornado struck. Lethia's brother, Alfred Saucier, was the only one home. He said he did not hear the tornado, only the roar of the pounding rain. He bolted for cover when he realized what was happening.

Some of the family's valuables, such as photos and important documents, were retrieved by Roland's brother, but the family will have to replace much of what is left.

Roland and Lethia are dealing with Mother Nature's attack as well as they can. They especially want to thank everyone for their concern and assistance, Roland said.

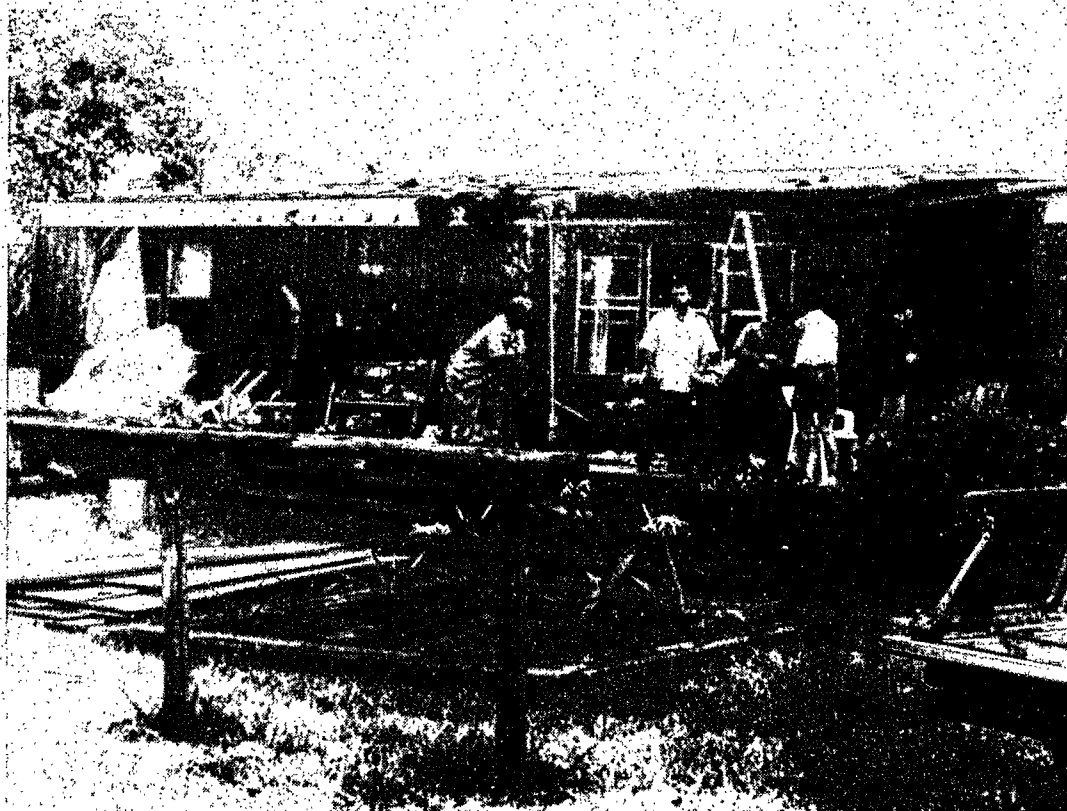
## Wayward twister trashes home in Catahoula community



Roland Cuevas surveys the family's badly damaged home



Friends and neighbors lend a hand



Many gathered to offer assistance to the Cuevases



The kitchen is in shambles



Roland Cuevas points out a gaping hole in bedroom



## Old alumnae induction

Students, faculty and parents were in attendance for the evening event.

Members of the 1994 graduating class were formally inducted in the OLA Alumnae Association by Deedee Strong Elkins, OLA '87.

Valedictorian Margaret Welz and salutatorian Debra Strong received special medals for their high achievement.

Danielle Gobert was presented as OLA's STAR Student for 1993-94. Harry Hull, math teacher, coach and athletic director, was recognized as STAR Teacher.

Gobert was also recognized for attaining the National Merit Scholarship Finalist position and for being OLA's nominee for the 1994 Fireside Scholarship.

Gobert was presented a \$100 savings bond for being named the 1994 Kiwanis Club Student of the Year.

Thirteen parents and friends of OLA received the VIP Award for service to OLA. They are Mary Doug Chevis, Sidney Chevis, Debra Clark, Leslie Clark, Bernie Cousins, Mamie Drummond, Neil Favre, Yolanda Flores, Eloise Johnson, Dan Munger, Catherine Myers, Inez Pope and Charles Sciana.

Meghan Morris was named outstanding student by the Tandy Technology Scholars Program, which promotes science and technology education. Julie Ryan received the 1994 Bausch & Lomb honorary science award for attaining the highest scholastic standing in science subjects.

The Pepsi Students of the Year were named and presented Pepsi medallions by Sam Alman III, development representative from the Pepsi Cola Company.

They are Leslie Esher, 7th grade; Laura Flores, 8th grade; Erin Favre, 9th grade; Sara Smolensky, 10th grade; Beth Dillenkoff, 11th grade; and Mary Scardino, 12th grade.

Three students received plaques and money awards for being winners in the Voice of Democracy contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

They are Rebecca Dockens, first place; MiMi Montagnet, second; and Sarah Gromko, third.

Betty Bensabat, the sponsoring teacher, was also recognized.

Students with a 4.0 average for the first three quarters of this school year were given special recognition. They are:

7th grade: Leslie Esher, Ashley Vinnett, Patricia Williams  
8th grade: Laura Flores, Margaret Harris, Rebecca Landry

9th grade: Sarah Taylor, Unita Twigg

10th grade: Monique Hazeur, Marion Labat, Chrissy Richard, Sara Smolensky, Caroline Weems

11th grade: Anne Courrege, Laura Khuy, Beth Dillenkoff, Hannah Erwin, Amie Geary, Melissa Grass, Amy Jones, Erica Lizana, Lisa Pope, Bernice Sy, Jennifer Trowbridge

12th grade: Mary Gholson, Aimee Griffith, Anna Hall, Meghan Morris, Rachel Pope, Amy Rutledge, Kristen Selle, Debra Strong, Margaret Welz

Five students qualified for the Presidential Academic Fitness Award:

8th grade: Anna Green, Page Harder, Mary Nguyen  
12th grade: Meghan Morris, Margaret Welz

Sr. Elisa Bauman, assistant principal and Latin teacher, announced Our Lady Academy has enrolled in the National Latin Honor Society.

OLA has named its chapter for Monsignor Gregory J. Johnson, who founded Our Lady Academy in 1971. Msgr. Johnson was present to receive the framed charter and to present certificates to the students initiated into the new society as charter members. They are:

11th grade: Melissa Grass, Jenny Madden, Julie Ryan and Jennifer Trowbridge

Five eighth graders received recognition for participating in the 1994 MATHCOUNTS (National Junior High Math Program). They include Mary Coludrovich, Nina Crain, Beverly Sy, Rebecca Walley (12th in individual competition) and Desilyn Dedeaux, (alternate).

The 1994 JETS (Junior Engineering Technical Society) team was recognized for achieving first in its division in the state. They are Danielle Gobert (captain), Nikki Chapman, Anne Courrege, Rebecca Dockens, Erica Lizana, Julie Ryan, Sara Smolensky and Bernice Sy.

This is the third consecutive year OLA has achieved this award. Theresa Braud is the coach.

Rebecca Walley, eighth grade, was recognized for her participation in the National Geography Bee.

Students receiving perfect attendance awards for 1993-94 are:

7th grade: Jeannie Fortenberry, Ishanti Holmes, Tammy Hufft and Alissa Stechmann  
8th grade: Mary Coludrovich, Stephanie Davis and Mary Nguyen

10th grade: Chrissy Richard  
Twenty-one Campus Ministry members received a service pin for their volunteer service of more than 36 hours each during 1993-94:

8th grade: Emily Alford, Andie Fillingame, Laura Flores  
11th grade: Beth Dillenkoff, Hannah Erwin, Amie Geary, Miranda Grass, Haidi Kerbl, Erica Lizana, Jennifer Myers, Julie Ryan, Mary West

12th grade: Danielle Gobert, Shelly LaFontaine, Alicia Lentz, Reagan Melancon, Rachel Pope, Michelle Redditt, Mary Scardino, Lane Spell, Debra Strong

Other Campus Ministry members received certificates for meeting the organization's goal of service:

8th grade: Page Harder  
11th grade: Jessica Clark, Jill Peterson

12th grade: Lauren Bentz, Brandy English, Erin O'Brien  
Academic awards were presented to students with the highest average in a subject.

Achievement awards were presented to students with a positive attitude who have shown the most growth, improvement and contribution to the class.

Laura Flores, 8th grade, received a special plaque in recognition of having obtained the highest academic average in all disciplines in her grade.

Students receiving the class academic and achievement awards are:

Business: Balynda Wells, Mary Nguyen, Debra Strong, Bridget Lamo and Alicia Resendez

Computer: Mary Scardino, Joy Bordages and Adrienne Bradley; Pascal: Sara Smolensky and Chrissy Richard

English: Patricia Williams, Lindsey Piazza, Rebecca Walley, Katy Werby, Erin Favre, Opal Ausmer, Melissa Knight, Lori Sperance, Rebecca Williams, Erica Lizana, Jennifer Trowbridge

Rachel Pope, Bernice Sy, Jessica Lytle, Beth Dillenkoff



## WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS

### Allen-Underwood

Cynthia Ann Allen, of Pass Christian, became the bride of Donald John Underwood of Diamondhead, in a 3 p.m. ceremony on May 21, at Our Lady of the Gulf.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clinton Allen Jr. of Pass Christian.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Underwood of Diamondhead.

The Rev. Peter Mockler officiated at the ceremony.



Mr. and Mrs. Donald John Underwood

The soloist was Kathleen Stieffel and the organist was Thomas Bourdin.

Amy Pickich served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Lydia Waguespack, Suzanne Daniels and Alexandra Walker.

David Underwood served as best man. Ushers were Christopher Riggs, Douglas Underwood, Edward Benvenutti, Frank C. Allen, III and Thomas C. Allen.

The flower girl was Kyle Killeen and the ring bearer was Andrew Killeen.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Frank Clinton Allen Jr.

The bride chose for her wedding a gown of white silk shantung with an embroidered bodice.

Her headpiece was an embroidered veil with Belgian lace. She carried a bouquet of roses.

The bride, whose mother is the former Cynthia Ann Church, is a graduate of Our Lady Academy. She graduated cum laude from Loyola University and is attending Tulane University School of Law.

The groom, whose mother is the former Jane Dean Sohn, graduated from Coast Episcopal High School. He attended the University of Southern Mississippi and is a certified flight instructor. He is a sales associate with Berlin Packing in New Orleans.

A reception was held at the Pass Christian Yacht Club.

The couple is making their home in New Orleans following a honeymoon trip to the Caribbean.

Pre-nuptial activities

The rehearsal dinner was given by the groom's parents at Vrazel's Restaurant on May 19.

A cocktail buffet was also held on May 20, given by Mary Nicaud, Lloyd Nicaud, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evans and Mr. and Mrs. Kent Nicaud at the home of Mary Nicaud.

and Marcie Wittmann

Study Skills: Lesia Esher, Diana Nguyen, Delia Potee, Beverly Sy and Kristen Cannon  
Home Economics: Andie Fillingame, Nicole Mauffray, Aimee Griffith, Jessica Lytle and Rachel Pope

Language: French, Katy Muir, Lindsey Piazza; Page Harder and Mary Coludrovich; Latin, Julie Ryan and Melissa Grass

Mathematics: Patricia Williams, Julie Sellier, Michele Carbon, Marie Cuevas, Margaret Harris, Kieu Nguyen, Emily Pela, Julie Dreher;

Kathryn Scafide, Melissa Grass, Alicia Resendez, Chrissy Richard;

Melissa Knight, Jennifer Frazier, Jennifer Thomas; Julie Ryan, Hyacinth Cappie, Brandy Roche, Rachel Pope, Kay Kennedy

Music: Diana Nguyen, Ishanti Holmes, Lacy Sahuque, Emily Pela, Carey Sahuque, Unita Twigg, Sarah Gromko, Deborah Benigno, Shirley Niolet

Religious Studies: Patricia Williams, Shay Coss, Melissa Niolet, Margaret Harris, Remy Bezou, Sarah Grover, Emily Pela, Nadia Fairconnetue, Pepper Pearson, Deborah Benigno, Lori Sperance, Julie Ryan, Nikki Chapman, Reagan Melancon, Jennifer Krost

Science: Jeannie Fortenberry, Shelly Farris, Lindsey Piazza, Anna Greene, Katy Werby, Kathryn Scafide, Michelle Dauro, Trang Nguyen, Deborah Benigno, Jessica Lytle, Lori Sperance, Julie Ryan, Laura Dhuy, Amie Geary, Nikki Chapman

Social Studies: Jeannie Fortenberry, Ann Marie Perina, Patricia Williams, Tomika Boudreaux; Mary Nguyen, Michele Carbon, Jamie Robertson, Erin Favre, Melissa Ponthieux, Kathryn Scafide, Michelle Bozant;

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## WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS

### McClinton—Necaise



Mark Necaise, Kimberly McClinton

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. McClinton of McNeill, proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kimberly Jolene, to Mark Wayne Necaise of Bay St. Louis.

He is the son of Ms. Flora Necaise and Mr. Elliot Necaise of Bay St. Louis.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McClinton Sr. of McNeill and the late Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Chisholm.

She is a 1987 graduate of Pearl River Central High School. She is a 1991 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education. She obtained her masters degree in 1993 from USM. She is currently employed by the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of Ms. Ethel Necaise of Bay St. Louis and the late Mr. Ollie Necaise and the late Mr. and Mrs. Gustinelle Shiyu. He is a 1986 graduate of Bay High School and a 1991 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi with a bachelor of science degree in banking and finance. He is employed by Magnolia Federal Bank in Gulfport.

The wedding will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 9 at Sones Chapel Baptist Church in McNeill. A reception will immediately follow the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Following the honeymoon to the Bahamas and DisneyWorld, the couple will reside in Bay St. Louis.

### Farr-Bourgeois

Stacie Miriam Farr of New Orleans, La., became the bride of Lamar Peter Bourgeois, III in a 2 p.m. ceremony on June 4, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in New Orleans.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Bernard Hollie Farr of New Orleans and the late Bernard Farr. The bride is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Horace Philip Farr and the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frederick Reith of Subiaco, Ark.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Bourgeois, Jr. of Metairie, La. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Geraci, Sr. and Mrs. Velma Lawson of Metairie, La. and the late Mr. Bourgeois, Sr.

The Rev. Earl LaRose officiated at the ceremony.

Kelly Farr O'Flarity served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Sharon Farr Graff, Donna Jean Bourgeois, Suzanne Bourgeois Kotfila and Janet Ortiz Farr.

Glen Wagner served as best man. Ushers were Philip Borne, Frank Paul Gennusa, III, Ronald Kotfila and Timothy O'Flarity.

The bride was given in marriage by Scott Anthony Farr and Stuart Hollie Farr.

The bride chose for her wedding to wear her mother's wedding gown. The gown was of ivory satin. The bodice was of Alencon lace over satin with a satin edging across her shoulders adorned with seed pearls and long sleeves of Alencon lace that came to points over the wrists. The bouffant skirt was of nylon tulle in four tiers over ivory satin and formed a chapel train with lace cascading from the waist to the full length of the train. A lace panel was down the front of the skirt and the back.

Her headpiece was a Juliette cap with ivory satin, Alencon lace and seed pearls, accentuated by a fingertip length tulle veil.

A reception was held at the Jefferson-Orleans South in Metairie.



Mrs. Lamar Bourgeois III

The couple is making their home in Kenner, La following a honeymoon trip to Disney World.

The rehearsal dinner was held at Drago's Restaurant in Metairie on June 2.

### Garden memorials to be preserved

The Bay-Waveland Garden Club established a Memorial Gardens Fund in 1976 to provide a method of remembering a person in a memorial garden on the grounds of the new library building. It was administered through a professional landscape plan that had been presented to the library.

Contributions were made by various individuals and groups in memory of a person or family members.

These and other memorial contributions will be replanted or replaced on the grounds of the new building, according to Lynn Nybo, library memorial grounds chairman.

Nybo worked closely with

county agent Drew Bates and library administration in evaluating the library grounds.

Two live oaks on the library property have been entered into the Registry of Trees. A ceremony was held recently to officially register the two oak trees, and Charles Gray, president of the Hancock County Historical Society, presented Prima Plaque with plaques designating the trees as "The Library Oak" and "The Richard Thames Memorial Oak."

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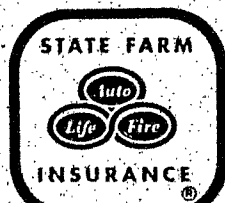
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### Lieutenant

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## WEDDINGS/ENGAGEMENTS

### Favre-Withers

Christine Tonya Favre of Lafayette, La., became the bride of Wendt Latimer Withers in a 6 p.m. ceremony on April 30, 1994 at First Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Sam L. Favre Jr. of Bay St. Louis and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Zalesky Withers of Marseilles, Ill.

Dr. Nathan L. Barber officiated at the ceremony.

Musical selections were performed by Ron Kozak, vocalist, and Gail Carr, pianist.

Dana Favre, sister of the bride, served as her attendant. Bridesmaids were Joan Bell, Jeanne Bufkin, Melissa Zouboukas, Dianne Gervis and Kathy Miklos, sister of the groom.



Mr. and Mrs. Wendt Latimer Withers

Jordyn Stefano was flower girl. Cody Bell and Chris Habecker were ringbearers.

Greg Habecker served as best man. Ushers were Guy Decker, Shane Swift, Rob Reenie, Chong-Ket Chuah and Trent Favre.

The bride, given in marriage by her brother, David Stefano, chose for her wedding a formal gown of pure silk in a natural hue. The gown featured a fitted Basque bodice overlaid with beaded and sequined French Alencon lace. The scalloped portrait neckline was enhanced with short fitted sleeves also edged with scalloped lace. A lace-decorated bow marked the back waist above a full skirt with chapel-length sweep train.

Her headpiece was fashioned of silk blossoms with a soft ruffled pouf holding a lace-bordered cathedral-length train. She carried a hand-tied bouquet of calla lilies and stephanotis.

The attendants were attired in two-piece dresses of hunter green silk shantung, each with a pleated portrait collar and long slim skirt. The fitted jackets closed with pearl buttons. They carried bouquets of calla lilies.

A reception was held at Diamondhead Country Club following the ceremony.

The couple is making their home in Lafayette, La.

#### Pre-nuptial activities

The bride-to-be was honored with several showers before her wedding. A miscellaneous shower was given by Mary Ann Blanchette, Gail Carr, Judy Fletcher, Pat Harris, Melissa Harville, Roberta Harville, Dianne Kergosien, Shirley Magee and Rena Jean Rayborn at First Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis.

Another miscellaneous shower was given by Peggy Ladner, Carolyn Adam, Addie Morel and Arlene Cox at the home of Mrs. J. Larry Ladner in Kiln.

The rehearsal dinner, given by Mr. and Mrs. William Withers, was held at the home of Patricia Favre, in Bay St. Louis.

The bridesmaids' luncheon was held at Armand's Restaurant in Bay St. Louis on the eve of the wedding. A wedding day luncheon was given by Mrs. Robert Delcuze.

### Bass-Odom

Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Bass of Prentiss, proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Cristie Ann, to Ronnie Odom of Silver Creek.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Odom of Silver Creek.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bass and the late Tressie Hart and Mr. and Mrs. Toxie Hall of Ansley and the late Essie Wheat.

She is a graduate of Prentiss Christian School and the University of Southern Mississippi where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in nursing. She is currently employed with Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Mr. R.J. Odom of Bay Springs and Mrs. Dillie Myrick of Pearl and the late Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Ishee.

He is a graduate of Prentiss Christian School and the University of Southern Mississippi where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. He is currently employed with the Pearl Police Department.

The wedding will be at 6 p.m. Saturday, July 30 at Whitesand Baptist Church. All friends and relatives are invited to attend. A reception will follow the ceremony in the church fellowship hall.



Cristie Ann Bass

### BIRTHS

**DANE ERICK KNIGHT**  
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas E. Knight III of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their first child, Dane Erick, June 14, 1994, at 9:50 a.m. at Gulfport Memorial Hospital.

He weighed 8 pounds, 3 1/2 ounces.

Mrs. Knight is the former Michelle Chiniche.

Maternal grandparents are James and Betty Chiniche of Bay St. Louis.

Maternal great-grandparents are James and Edith Ruhr of Waveland.

Paternal grandparents are Douglas E. Knight Jr. of Purvis, Miss. and Martha C. Knight of Laurel, Miss.

Paternal great-grandparents are Douglas E. Knight of Utica, Miss. and Eva Cobb of Laurel.

**Mt. Zion AME celebrates Homecoming Day**

The Greater Mt. Zion AME Church in Pearlinton invites the public to its annual Homecoming Day today at 2 p.m.

Speaker will be the Rev. Joseph Young, presiding elder of the Brookhaven-Hattiesburg District.

**LINDSEY ELIZABETH GAGNON**  
Mr. and Mrs. Christopher M. Gagnon of Waveland announce the birth of their second child, Lindsey Elizabeth, May 25, 1994, at Slidell Memorial Hospital.

She weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

Mrs. Gagnon is the former Jeanne Parrish McMichael.

Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. William L. Buffant of Slidell and Mr. and Mrs. Milton L. Gagnon of Metairie.

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### Women's club meets July 14

The Southern Women's Club will meet July 14 at the Center for Women's Health in Long Beach at 9:30 a.m.

Guest speaker will be Beth Carriere from Harrison County Tourism Commission.

The club's annual fundraiser, Southern Art Celebration '94, will be July 23 at the West Side Community Center. Artists exhibiting and selling works will be Sandy Maggio, Charlette Otus, Donna Peters, Catherine Satchfield and Marty Wilson.

Tickets may be purchased from any club member for \$25 per couple.

The recipient of the Southern Women's Club DH Scholarship will go to Nancilee Alexander.

The club's donation for July will go to Habitat for Humanity.

The next meeting will be August 11 at 9:30 a.m. at the Center for Women's Health in Long Beach.

### Coast Magazine announces new staff members

Coast Magazine/Business has moved its office from the Markham Building in downtown Gulfport to 943-A 33rd Avenue in Gulfport.

The new office is located behind The Peoples Bank building on U.S. 49. The phone number and fax number remain unchanged.

Said Jeff Bell, publisher: "The move is a good one for us. We are growing by leaps and bounds, and the new office gives us more room and ground-floor access, which is important for a publishing company."

Bell also announced recent additions to his staff.

Brandon Taylor has joined the staff as advertising art director. He designs and produces advertising for Coast Magazine and Coast Business and produces special projects for the company.

Kaija Swennumson has joined the editorial department as an assistant editor. She is a 1992 graduate of the University of South Alabama.

Brian Ussery has been hired as distribution manager. He handles newsstand sales and all distribution activities.

And several interns have joined the staff for the summer. Adriann McCall will enter Our Lady Academy as a sophomore next year. She is interning in the circulation department.

Carrie Zigler, a junior at Harrison Central High School, is an editorial intern. She assists with traffic, proofing and writing.

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2. **THE CELESTINE PRO-PHECY**, by James Redfield. (Warner, \$17.95.) An ancient manuscript, found in Peru, provides insights into achieving a fulfilling life. (B)
3. **INCA GOLD**, by Clive Cussler. (Simon & Schuster, \$24.) Dirk Pitt contends with a ring of thieves for possession of ancient artifacts in the Peruvian Andes. (BKW)
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5. **REMEMBER ME**, by Mary Higgins Clark. (Simon & Schuster, \$23.50.) After an estranged couple reconcile, they find themselves haunted by a mysterious force. (BKW)
6. **THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY**, by Robert James Waller. (Warner, \$14.95.) A photographer and a lonely farmer's wife in Iowa. (B)
7. **THE ALIENIST**, by Caleb Carr. (Random House, \$22.) A journalist and a psychologist track down a murderer in turn-of-the-century Manhattan. (BK)
8. **NIGHT PREY**, by John Sandford. (Putnam, \$22.95.) Lucas Davenport investigates a case involving a body found in a wildlife preserve. (BKW)
9. **"K" IS FOR KILLER**, by Sue Grafton. (Holt, \$22.95.) Kinsey Millhone investigates the strange death of a waitress's daughter. (BKW)

10. **PRINCE CHARMING**, by Julie Garwood. (Pocket, \$22.) A lady in Victorian London discovers the man of her dreams, who lives in Montana. (BWK)

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1. **EMBRACED BY THE LIGHT**, by Betty J. Eadie with Curtis Taylor. (Gold Leaf Press, \$14.95.) A woman's near death experience. (B)
2. **D-DAY, JUNE 6, 1944**, by Stephen E. Ambrose. (Simon & Schuster, \$30.) An account of the Allied invasion of Normandy 50 years ago. (B)
3. **STANDING FIRM**, by Dan Quayle. (Zondervan/Harper Collins, \$25.) The former Vice President recalls his life, especially during the Bush years. (BWK)
4. **THE BOOK OF VIRTUES**, by William J. Bennett. (Simon & Schuster, \$27.50.) Moral stories adapted from the Greeks, the Bible, folklore and elsewhere. (BK)
5. **MIDNIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF GOOD AND EVIL**, by John Berendt. (Random House, \$23.) The mysterious death of a young man in Savannah, Ga. (B)
6. **BEYOND PEACE**, by Richard Nixon. (Random House, \$23.) An agenda of foreign and domestic policies for the United States to pursue in the post-cold-war era. (O)
7. **REBA: My Story**, by Reba McEntire with Tom Carter. (Bantam, \$22.95.) The autobiography of the country singer. (O)
8. **THE HALDEMAN DIARIES**, by H. R. Haldeman. (Putnam, \$27.50.) Notes made by the man who was Richard Nixon's chief of staff from 1969 to 1973. (BK)
9. **SAVED BY THE LIGHT**, by Dannon Brinkley with Paul Perry. (Villard, \$16.) An account of two near-death experiences by a South Carolina businessman. (B)
10. **HOW WE DIE**, by Sherwin B. Nuland. (Knopf, \$24.) A physician and surgeon reflects on "life's final chapter." (B)

## 1995 wheat program announced

The 1995 Wheat Program contains a zero percent acreage reduction, the same as in 1994, according to Franklin A. Gennin, county executive director of the Pearl River-Hancock County ASWCS office.

Producers who participate in the 1995 program will not be required to reduce their plantings to qualify for price support

loans and deficiency payments.

"This means that there is no requirement to place eligible cropland into an Acreage Conservation Reserve, Gennin said. He said the zero-percent acreage reduction continues to be the best choice because it provided the highest income for producers, the greatest economic activity for rural communities and the highest quality grain for processors.

This level was chosen from the statutory range of 0 to 15 percent to allow wheat growers to produce sufficiently wheat supplies for domestic and export needs.

As in 1994, the wheat program offers target price protection at \$4 per bushel. A paid land diversion will not be implemented.

## Care and Share sponsors service

Care & Share Ministries sponsors a fellowship service every Sunday from 8-9 a.m. at 10125 Cain Road in Bay St. Louis.

For information, call 467-9771. The public is invited.

## Summer Food Program

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**Wednesday** — Fruit Wedges, Cereal, Danish.  
**Thursday** — Fruit Juice, Sausage Biscuit.  
**Friday** — Fruit Juice, Donut.

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**Tuesday** — Mexican Taco Salad, Lettuce/Tomato/Cheese, Fruit Cup, Popcicle.  
**Wednesday** — Fried Chicken, Parslled Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans, Hot Roll, Grapes.  
**Thursday** — Sausage Dog with Mustard, Potato au Gratin, Green Peas, Pineapple Salad.  
**Friday** — Turkey and Cheese Deli Po-Boy, Stack of Trimmings, French Fries, Peanut Butter Chews, Strawberry Applesauce.

Menus subject to change without notice.

## Shiyou is on honor roll

Third grader Joshua Shiyou was inadvertently omitted from the fourth nine weeks' and year's honor roll. Shiyou is a student at Diamondhead Academy.



## Clerk training

Charlene Rutledge, tax collector for Bay St. Louis, took part in a recent training program in Jackson leading to certification for municipal clerks and tax collectors. Dr. Larry Graves, coordinator for the Center for Governmental Technology at Mississippi State University, organized the training. Written communications, municipal law and tax sale duties were covered in the two-day session. The program helps city clerks, tax collectors and their deputies gain greater expertise in their job duties while staying updated on laws affecting city government. The citizens of their communities are the ultimate beneficiaries through better services.

## Jubilee celebrates 'Miss Hatsy Day'

For two years running Willard Scott of the Today Show has wished Miss Hatsy Robert a happy birthday.

The 102-year-old Slidell resident is now having another birthday wish granted. She is coming to Bayou Caddy's Jubilee Casino to 'do a little partying.'

In return, Bayou Caddy's Jubilee Casino is celebrating 'Miss Hatsy Day' Monday, June 27.

The casino will be sending a limo to Miss Hatsy's home at 9 a.m., and festivities will begin at 11.

Miss Hatsy was born in New Orleans the year Benjamin Harrison lost his bid for reelection as the Democrats campaigned on a platform opposing the McKinley Tariff Act of 1890.

The same year, the first U.S. motorcar was produced at Springfield, Mass., and the 'pledge of allegiance' was composed by Francis Bellamy.

Miss Hatsy has plans to live to 120 and attributes her longevity to the fact she has never been married.

For information on 'Miss Hatsy Day' contact Jay F. Fox at 1-800-552-0707.

## Seafood fest planned for July 15-17

The 18th annual St. Paul Seafood Festival will be in front of St. Paul Catholic Church in Pass Christian July 15-17.

A wide variety of culinary delights will be offered.

A seafood booth offers shrimp, fish, oysters, and stuffed crabs.

Mississippi Deb's Po-Boy and Stuffed Potato have people waiting in line for crab-stuffed potatoes.

The Boilin' Booth features boiled shrimp and potatoes.

Father Ron's Grill offers specially prepared grilled sausage, chicken and seafood.

Eggrolls and fortune cookies are available at the Egg Roll Booth.

At the Hamburger and Hot Dog Booth are the all-American favorites.

The Sweet Harbor Booth offers a wide variety of homemade sweets, from Southern pralines to chocolate chip cookies.

There will be funnel cakes and beverages, including carbonated drinks, spirited drinks, flavored waters, lemonade and tea.

For eating or relaxing, the St. Paul Seafood Festival offers free entertainment by local artists and groups for those seated on the lawn or under the shade of the big tent.

Arts and crafts are featured in a number of booths. Local artisans are on hand to explain the fine techniques of hand-crafted items.

Games for the younger set are ongoing. Children can play and participate in a variety of activities.

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## CLUBS, AUXILIARIES

### DAV Auxiliary 50

The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary No. 50, Bay St. Louis, met for the purpose of electing delegates to attend the state convention of the DAV June 5-7.

Those attending were commander Tuleter Oliver, state executive committee members Billie Tudury and Aloise Shiyou; past state commander, Genevieve Cole; and Janell Necaise and Nell Sanford.

The auxiliary won awards in Americanism, VAVS, community service and legislation.

State commanders Janell Necaise and Genevieve Cole were honored at the Forget Me Not luncheon. Cole was state commander in 1958-59.

State officers elected at the convention were Tuleter Oliver, state chaplain; Genevieve Cole, state patriotic instructor; Janelle Necaise and Billie Tudury, state executive committee.

The next mid-winter conference will be in Vicksburg in February.

Attending the state convention from the men's chapter were Leroy Peterson, commander; Hugh Sanford, Herbert Shiyou, Andy Giacani and Eddie Bounds.

The Ladies Auxiliary No. 50 and Men's Chapter meet the second Tuesday of the month.

New officers were installed by past national commander Loreta Shoemaker from Little Rock, Ark.

### Take Off Pounds Sensibly

#### WAVELAND

TOPS MS 233 Waveland met Tuesday, June 21 at the Waveland Public Library. Karen was the week's best loser with 4 pounds. Janet was the top KOPS loser with a weight loss of 1 1/4 pounds. Kathleen received a charm for losing 20 pounds.

Next week's meeting will be Wednesday, June 29, instead of Tuesday. Weigh-in will be from 5-6 p.m., the meeting from 6-7 p.m. The area meeting will be August 13 in Latimer.

TOPS MS 233 meets every Tuesday at the Waveland Public Library. Weigh-ins are from 5:30-6 p.m. with the meeting immediately following weigh-in.

Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and maintaining that weight loss is welcome to visit the TOPS chapter. Interested persons are invited to call Debbie at 467-0784 for more information.

### Hancock Women's Club

The Hancock Women's Club will have "Fun Day" and luncheon Wednesday, June 29 at the Jubilee Casino.

Members are reminded to be at the Resort Inn at 10:30 a.m. where the Jubilee bus will pick up everyone.

The next meeting will be conducted Sept. 8.

## Observe fireworks safety for July 4

Americans traditionally celebrate their nation's independence with fireworks, but unfortunately, this Fourth of July tradition has resulted in thousands of injuries due to the misuse of fireworks.

"Many people forget that fireworks are not toys — they are explosive devices and should be handled with the greatest of care," states Christy Gilliland, director of the Division of Disabilities Prevention of the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services.

"Families should attend only community-sponsored events and leave the fireworks to the experts. If parents and caregivers do decide to allow their children to use or observe fireworks at home, they should always supervise the use of fireworks, even sparklers and small firecrackers."

The Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that in 1992, 12,937 people were injured by fireworks. The majority of these injuries occurred because of the misuse of fireworks, especially by unsupervised children.

Approximately 45 percent of those who receive emergency room treatment for firework-related injuries are children, with those ages 14 and under being the most vulnerable.

Miles Lane, a Jackson ten-year-old, knows first hand that fireworks can be dangerous. Lane will never forget the sky rocket which was accidentally shot into his mouth while he watched older children ignite fireworks.

In addition to the cuts and burns, Miles later developed pneumonia. The doctors treated the pneumonia for months not knowing that a small plastic tip from the sky rocket was lodged in his lung causing the infection.

"One night when Miles was complaining of severe chest pain, he pulled the plastic tip out of his mouth," remembers Miles' mother, Amy Lane.

"It just proves that anything can happen."

Miles now advises other children to always have an adult present when using fireworks and to stand far away from people who are using fireworks.

Although sparklers are usu-

ally considered a safe form of fireworks, sparklers are the leading firework product involved in injuries to children under age 5.

Sparklers can reach temperatures greater than 1,000 degrees F. at the tip and can cause serious contact burns or ignite clothing. Burns are the most common type of firework-related injury. The hands, head, legs and eyes are involved in 80 percent of these injuries.

More fireworks are used for America's celebration of independence than for any other holiday in the world. While many people enjoy safe fireworks exhibits handled by community and commercial experts, many fireworks are exploded by amateurs in backyards, fields and neighborhoods across the country.

If parents and caregivers decide that fireworks should be a part of their backyard celebration, they should follow some very important safety guidelines recommended by the Mississippi Safe Kids Coalition and the National Safe Kids Campaign:

- \* Discuss safety procedures with your children. Teach children to "stop, drop and roll" if their clothes catch fire. Make sure they know how to call 911.

- \* Demonstrate how to extinguish fireworks by using water or a fire extinguisher.

- \* Parents and caregivers should be the only source for fireworks, and should be present every time fireworks are in use.

- \* Read labels and carefully follow directions.

- \* Never use fireworks indoors.

- \* Never give fireworks to a small child.

- \* Spectators should be out of range before lighting fireworks.

- \* Never aim fireworks at another person.

- \* Never place your face or any other body part over fireworks.

- \* Never try to re-ignite fireworks that malfunction.

- \* Keep a bucket of water handy — especially if children are using sparklers.

- \* Never carry fireworks in your pocket.

With the appropriate precautions, your Independence Day celebration can be fun, festive and safe.

### Bay-Waveland Elks Auxiliary

Bay-Waveland Elks Ladies Auxiliary met Tuesday, June 14, 7:30 p.m. with Jane Luquet presiding.

Charlotte Mauffray resigned as treasurer. Betty Burke was nominated and voted in for treasurer.

Sue Woodrick, chairman for the Elks state conference in December, has appointed Charlotte Mauffray, Theresa Bourgeois and Dee Wendling to serve on this committee with her.

The auxiliary sponsored three Boy Scouts to attend the summer camp at OLG.

The next meeting is Tuesday, July 12 at Lodge 2774.

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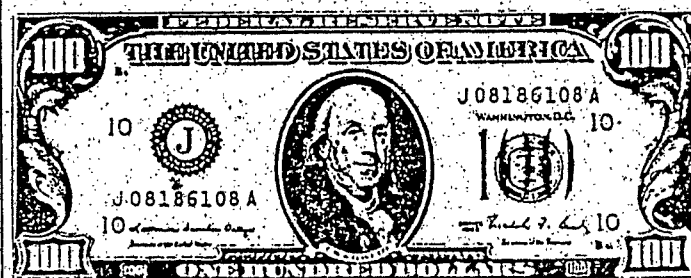
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## Parking effect July

As of July blue hand stickers will be implemented to ensure that new handicapped parking spaces are available for those who need them.

"We have a new system of parking spaces," said Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, "and we want to make sure that every one of the new spaces is available for those who need them."

Last year, the Department changed the way it allocated handicapped parking spaces to ensure that the truly handicapped were given priority.

Based on the new system, the Department is bringing in more handicapped parking spaces to meet the demand.

"Starting only have to pay for their car just as if it were a regular car," said the Commissioner.

"We have a new law which will allow only people who are truly handicapped to use the spaces," said the Commissioner.

Among the new law defines what constitutes a handicap. The law also requires that a motorist has been in the vehicle for at least 30 minutes before being able to use the space.

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## Parking law effective on July 1

As of July 1, all of the small blue handicapped parking stickers will become totally invalid because of full implementation of the state's new handicapped parking law.

"We have been transitioning to a new system for the past 12 months," said Ed Buelow, commissioner of the State Tax Commission.

"Since the updated system goes into full effect July 1, we want everyone to be fully aware of the new requirements."

Last year, the Legislature changed Mississippi's handicapped parking law to better ensure that only people who truly have mobility impairments are eligible to use those special parking spaces.

Based on the Federal Uniform System for Handicapped Parking Law, these changes are bringing Mississippi into better accord with the rest of the nation.

"Starting July 1, people who only have the little blue stickers on their car tags can be ticketed just as if they had no designation at all," Buelow advised.

"We think the changes to the law will ultimately improve the system and better ensure that only people with major mobility impairments will be certified as eligible," said Mark Smith, executive director of the Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities.

Among other changes, the new law more specifically defines what constitutes a significant mobility impairment; issues tags embossed with the handicapped symbol and/or blue dashboard placards to people who are permanently disabled; requires that the person with a mobility impairment is, has been or will be an occupant of the vehicle when the space is used; and limits temporary eligibility to no more than six months (with an expiration date that is displayed on a red dashboard placard).

"We realize that, even with these improvements, the system can still be misused," Smith added. "We stress enforcement on the local level; unfortunately, in some localities, it's just not a priority."

"As a result, if the coalition is provided an offender's license tag number, we will write anyone who has been reported as abusing handicapped parking a letter asking them not to use those spaces."

"We also distribute windshield flyers for the public to place on those folks' vehicles reminding them who those parking spaces are actually for."

Anyone needing information about the new handicapped parking provisions may contact the State Tax Commission at 359-1248, the Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities at 1-800-748-9420 or the local tax collector.



## Grand Marshal

Billy Burke, far left, Board member of the Old Forest Marching Club, poses with Ron Erickson, middle, the "Bud Girls" and others who will enjoy festivities on Saturday, July 2 in a parade through Clermont Harbor. Erickson, Jubilee Casino's COO George Baxter and employee Colin Klein and radio personality Bob Walker will be the Grand Marshals.

## Jubilee executives to serve as as marching club grand marshals

Bayou Caddy's Jubilee Casino's COO, George Baxter, and the casino's vice president of marketing and entertainment, Ron Erickson, have been named grand marshals for this year's Old Forest Marching Club parade scheduled for Saturday, July 2.

Baxter and Erickson will join radio celebrity Bob Walker and Bayou Caddy's Jubilee Casino

employee Colin Klein, who will also serve as grand marshals.

"Bayou Caddy's Jubilee Casino has impacted our community in a tremendously positive way, and we wanted to express our appreciation by selecting them as grand marshals," said Burke.

Parade festivities are scheduled to begin at noon on Point-set Street, and the parade route

will travel throughout Clermont Harbor.

The Dixieland Saints, who have recently returned from touring in Australia, will lead the parade.

Officers of the Old Forest Marching Club include Joe Levy, Abe Wakefield, Abbie West, Jim "Tex" Gibbs, Henry Bearmann and Billy Burke.

## Hancock County Library System Schedule of Events

FILM FESTIVAL	
June 28	1:30 p.m. Kiln Library Full-length 16mm films will be shown with refreshments. Come enjoy a movie extravaganza!
CLOWN SHOW	
June 29	10:30 a.m. Coast Electric Auditorium* Clowns, Victory and Sonshine, will entertain with balloon tricks, storytelling and "silly magic."
NASA	
July 1	10:30 a.m. Waveland Library The National Aeronautics and Space Administration will present a program about the past, present and future of the space program, including a video and space suit display.
AWARDS DAY	
July 5	1:30 p.m., Kiln Library
July 6	10:30 a.m., Coast Electric Auditorium*
July 8	10:30 a.m., Waveland Library

\*Remember: Books and reading program materials located at City-County Library, while programs will be held at Coast Electric Power Association Auditorium, Main Street, Bay St. Louis.

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## NASA, Raggedy Ann highlight reading program

A film festival, life aboard the Space Shuttle and a clown show will highlight this week's activities of the Hancock County Library System's 1994 Summer reading program.

A film festival of short stories and cartoons will be held Tuesday, June 28 at 1:30 p.m. at the Kiln Library. Refreshments will be served.

Victory and Sonshine, a clown group from the Gulf Coast, will entertain with balloon tricks, storytelling and silly magic Wednesday, June 29 at 10:30 a.m. at the Coast Electric Power Auditorium.

Visitors Center personnel from NASA's John C. Stennis Space Center will conduct a session Friday, July 1 at 10:30 a.m. at the Waveland Library.

The NASA program will consist of a hands-on demonstra-

tion about "what life is like aboard the Space Shuttle; a NASA film; and a question and answer session about NASA and space travel. Personnel will also read a story to the children.

The story, "Allister," is about a little boy who is trying to return his books to the library before they are overdue and he has to pay a fine. In the process, he is picked up accidentally by a spaceship and taken to outer space.

Summer reading program participants must visit the branch of their choice at least four times, and check out at least six books before June 29. A reading record will be provided each child, and they need only get each visit stamped on their reading record for validation purposes.

A certificate and goodie bag

will be presented each participant who completes four visits to the library and reads at least six books. Merit stars will be presented for every five books read beyond the basic goal of six books. Awards will be presented the week of July 5.

In order to register, children must come to the branch of their choice, complete their reading record, set their goal and confirm that their parents have a current library card. A library card is required to check out any books, and cardholders must be 18-years-old and have the necessary identification.

Further information is available by calling Janice Parrott at the City-County Library, 467-5282; Sandra Ladner, Kiln Library, 255-1724; or Evelyn Necaise, Waveland Library, 467-9240.

performs at The Magic in Biloxi. Friday, June 24 from 9 to 11 p.m., it's The Blues Boys Show Band, and Saturday, June 25, it's the Tip Tops Show Band performing from 9 to 11:30 p.m. in the Eclipse Lounge.

Attention all senior citizens: Beginning Monday, June 27, Casino Magic Bay St. Louis offers a free breakfast Monday through Friday from 6 to 9 a.m. in Torgy's Restaurant.

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All performances are in the main casino lobby, free admission.

Sunday, July 3, it's a big fireworks show behind Casino Magic. It's all free and starts at 9 p.m.

Coming July 4, Bobby Cure and the Summertime Blues; July 5 and 6, Gary Puckett and the Union Gap; and July 14, Fats Domino.

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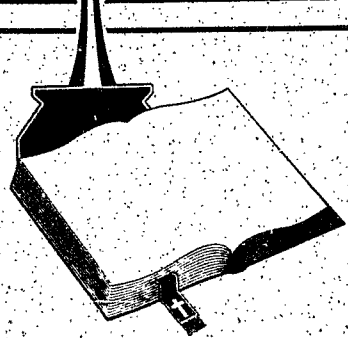


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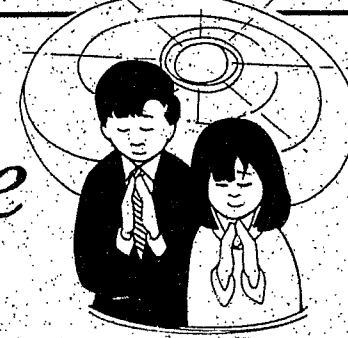
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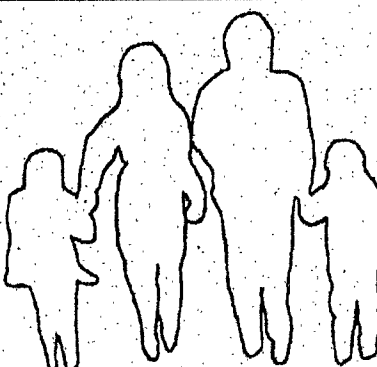
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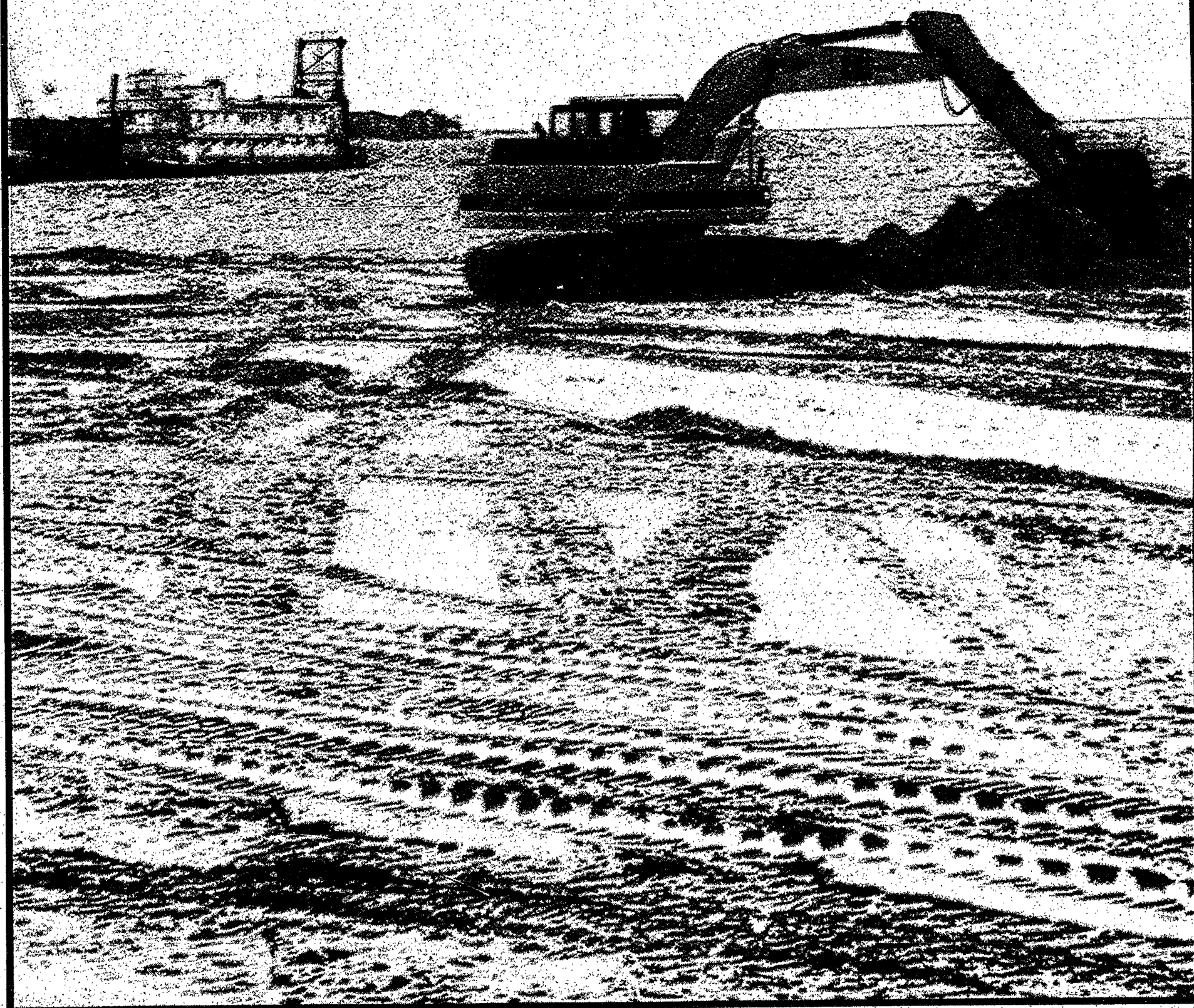
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## Hancock Schools

Innovation key to county system's progress

BY TRACI BONNEY

Ask Hancock County Schools Superintendent Myrna Bourgeois to sum up in one word the plans for the county schools, and she probably will say "innovation."

"We have put in a lot of new and innovative programs over the last year," she said. "We have a program for four-year-olds at Charles B. Murphy Elementary, and a Spanish program for kindergarten through second grade at Hancock North Central Elementary, which will be in all the elementary schools next year."

"Right now, we're running a program at all three elementary schools in which any child or youth, from old enough to feed himself up to age 18, can eat a free breakfast and lunch. Between the two meals, the children participate in learning programs in singing/music, arts and crafts, physical education, creative expression, and computer learning."

"We didn't receive approval on the program until the last day of school, so we weren't able to get the word out as much as we hoped to, but we still have 275 students enrolled in the program. We've been designated as a 21st Century school district, and we have employed 32 people, both certified and non-certified, for the program."

"We hope that by next year we will be able to have an extended day program from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m."

### 1994-95 SCHOOL YEAR

Bourgeois said there will be no request for a tax increase this year from the school district. She explained that the additional revenues from casino fees and taxes has eliminated the need for a tax increase.

The school district has added several staff members, including an elementary and secondary school curriculum specialist and several junior/senior high school personnel — an assistant principal, an assistant band director, a librarian, a technical curriculum superintendent and a drug coordinator.

In addition, a number of new courses are being offered, including third year foreign languages, a Mississippi writers class, reading classes for 7th and 8th graders, career-oriented courses and a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC). Bourgeois said the district also have implemented the Tech Prep program, which integrates academic and vocational education.

Hancock Jr./Sr. High School is one of four schools and five community colleges selected for a program in which students can go into the workplace and learn a skill, Bourgeois said. The students will work 15 to 20 hours a week and will be paid for their work time.

Two projects that will continue are the Chapter 1 take-home computer program and the parenting classes that are offered through the elementary schools. Bourgeois said both programs have been very successful thus far.

The Hancock School District has been chosen to host a new testing instrument that will replace the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT), Bourgeois stated. She said the test will do more than simply measure a child's factual knowledge; it will measure the child's ability in various skills and performance areas.

In addition, the county school district will be developing tests that will meet

the needs of the students in teaching them creative and critical thinking (process thinking). Bourgeois remarked, "What's been left out of the teaching process to a large degree is teaching children how to think creatively and critically. We need to teach our students these things; it isn't enough to teach them facts and figures."

### STAFF DEVELOPMENT

The students aren't the only ones being targeted for new learning experiences and methods. The district has two programs for school personnel as part of their staff development.

The Onward to Excellence Program, offered to all four of the district's schools through Mississippi Power, is a training program to get school personnel and community members involved in learning and developing innovative teaching methods. Bourgeois said she plans to let the teachers choose the direction for the program.

The Hancock County Academy of Professional Development, which will run August 2-6 this year, is designed, according to its mission statement, "to be a unique vehicle for programs to reinforce teachers' positive professional image and expand teachers' specialized body of knowledge and teaching strategies."

Participants must: be currently employed with the Hancock County School District or be a guest whose fees are being paid by an organization other than the county district; meet certain criteria; and be willing to complete all activity requirements.

Each day of the academy (except August 6) includes six sessions, three in the morning and three in the afternoon. August 6, the last day, includes a "field trip" to either Biloxi/Ocean Springs or Poyune/NASA.

The Biloxi/Ocean Springs trip takes in the Gulf Islands National Seashore, the Walter Anderson Museum, Shearwater Pottery and the Marine Education Center. The Poyune/NASA trip includes Crosby Arboretum and John C. Stennis Space Center.

Topics covered in the academy sessions include a range of subjects from using new technology to attending conventions, from journal writing to the use of games in the classroom to preserving biological specimens.

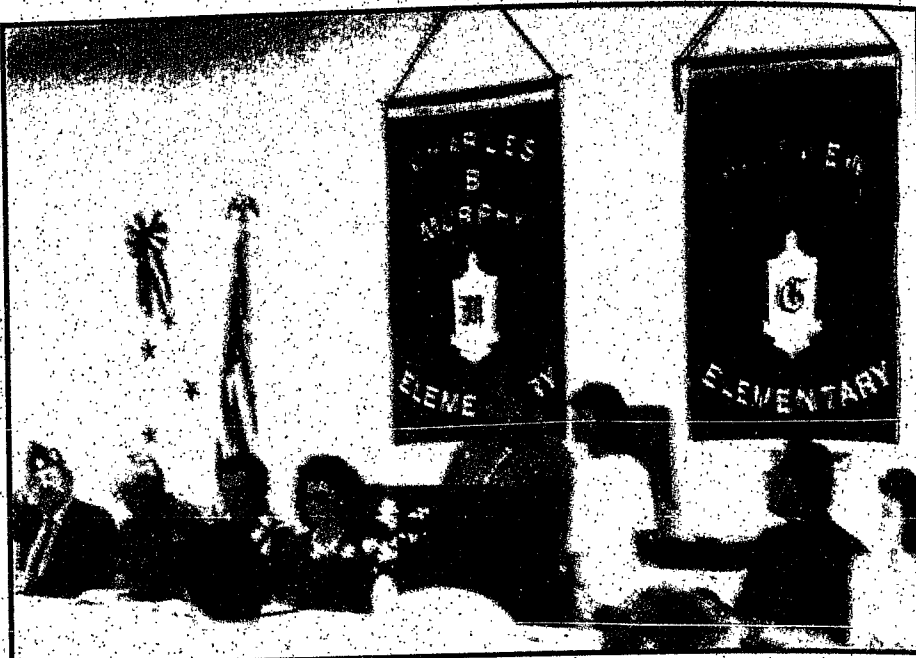
### PLANS

Bourgeois said plans are being made to add four new classrooms at Gulfview, media centers at Gulfview and Hancock North Central, and new gyms at all three elementary schools. In addition, the district plans to build two new middle schools in the near future.

"We've found that with the increase in enrollment at the junior/senior high school, the younger students are not getting as much attention as they need. We hope by building the middle schools and moving the students there, we'll

solve that problem," Bourgeois stated. Other plans include purchasing new school buses and adding a health train-

ing program for nursing assistants to the vocational-technical curriculum at the high school.



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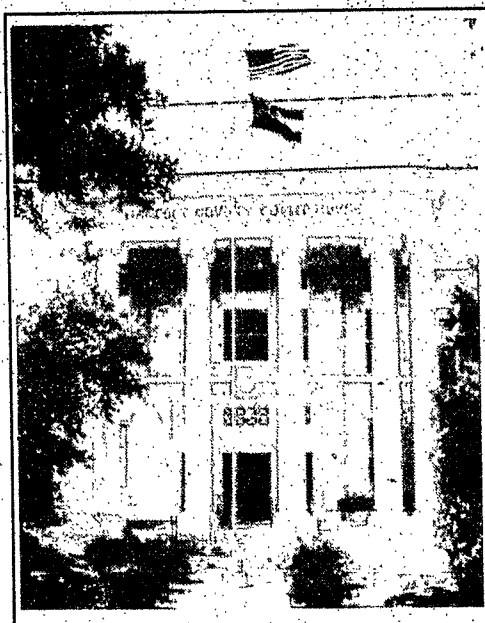
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## Cooperative Extension

It isn't just canning and quilting any more

BY TRACI BONNEY

When Congress created the Cooperative Extension System in 1914 to educate people about issues relating to their work, homes and families, CES focused on agriculture and homemaking skills.

While those things are still very much a part of the Cooperative Extension Service, it has become necessary for CES to explore other areas of education, including child development, nutrition, small business operation, and health issues.

Now, specialization is becoming a factor. Hancock County's home economist, Darlene Underwood, is working with the home economists in Harrison, Pearl River and Stone counties on a pilot project in which each economist specializes in a subject — such as child development, Underwood's specialty — then offers seminars on that subject throughout the four-county area.

Underwood said the project is one of four in the state. The other three areas are Oxford, Hattiesburg/Laurel, and Jackson.

"It looks like the program will work well in areas where there is interest on the part of the agents to work together," she remarked.

### EDUCATION

Offering programs for local education is not a cookie-cutter task, Underwood commented,

"The home economist's job has to be flexible and based on the needs of the people in the county. Right now, my high priority areas are child development and family life, and community resource development.

"In child development, I offer several teaching seminars, including both parenting seminars and in-service training for day care providers.

"Now, I know many people are thinking, 'Why do you have to teach people how to parent?' But none of us learned how to parent effectively; we just raise our children the way we were raised. So, we all pick up some bad parenting habits from our parents, because they raised us the way they were raised, too.

"I know this is true, because I catch myself saying and doing things that aren't necessarily the best way to go about it, but are the way my mother did it."

As for the day care provider training, she said, "Some people think that just because they like children, maybe they could run a day care. But there's a lot more to it than just being good with children. The training I provide, using material produced by the state Extension office, teaches potential providers about both the day care aspect and the business side."

### RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

In community resource development, Underwood works with the Chamber of Commerce's Beautification Committee

on a number of programs, both educational and community service-oriented, including the county's annual beach cleanup. "We had the beach cleanup here in Hancock County before it became a coastwide idea," she said.

In the educational area, the local MCES office, the Chamber Beautification Committee and GE Plastics' Port Bienville office pooled together to bring the A-Way With Waste anti-litter curriculum to local schools. The curriculum was developed for use in grades 5-12 by the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service (MCES), Mississippi State University,

the State Department of Education and the Mississippi Manufacturers Association.

A-Way With Waste teaches students about litter, recycling and the environment. It includes songs, skits and other activities to create interest among students about the issues it addresses.

### FAMILY MANAGEMENT

For Underwood, the home economist's job has moved beyond such things as canning food and sewing for the family wardrobe. The seminars she offers now include such topics as housing for new home owners, nutrition, and management of time, finances, stress and the household.

"Right now, I'm starting to write a plan of work for the 1994-95 year, which starts for me October 1," Underwood said.

"This year, I'm offering several new programs in addition to the ones that were done this year. I plan to offer seminars on food safety, weight reduction, understanding the new nutrition labels, retrofitting (remodeling) existing homes, living wills, investing and selecting supplemental insurance after retirement."

Other possible seminar topics, recommended to Underwood by the Hancock County Family and Community Education Association's executive board, include CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), Italian culture, self-defense for women, living wills, tourism in

Mississippi, table appointments, rural fire departments, and landscaping using indigenous plants.

### JOB SKILLS

Underwood taught 11 classes to participants of the Job Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS) program last year. The classes included basic financial management, nutrition, parenting and citizenship.

Among the topics covered in the financial management lessons were budgeting, contracts, important papers, credit and housing options. In nutrition, the classes included eating habits, meal planning, food safety, comparison shopping and reading food labels. Parenting classes included child development, self-esteem, discipline, communications skills and stress management.

### HOMEMAKERS CLUBS

"The homemakers clubs are in a state of flux," Underwood commented. "The state organization voted at the end of May to disaffiliate with the national organization, which is called the National Association of Family and Community Education."

"Representatives from each county will meet in the fall to come up with a new name for the state organization and to formulate plans. The state organization will still be part of the national organization until the end of December."

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Darlene Underwood



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## Bay-Waveland Schools

BY CHARLEE MARSHALL

### Making plans for the future

The superintendent of Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District, Paul Tisdale, and its Board of Trustees, James Wilcox, David Turcotte, Tracy Joseph, Linda Penrose and Richard Flowers, are making definite plans for the future of the system.

The district is comprised of Waveland and North Bay Elementary schools, Bay Middle School and Bay Junior/Senior High School.

The officials met recently to review the district's budget for 1994-95. Tisdale did a brief recap of expenditures and revenues, prepared largely by business manager Garland Cuevas, projecting graphs, charts, summaries and the budget to explain the plan. Of particular interest was a chart showing how casino contributions will be budgeted.

The district is ready to meet the challenges to come with the growth of its student population and the windfall from local casinos will figure prominently in its future plans. Updating computer labs and redoing the gym floor at Bay High and replacing the lights on the baseball field will be among the greatest expenditures, but the money is there for many improvements.

At present, the administration is dealing with much needed repairs in several of the schools, with the probable addition of new classrooms and the possible addition of a new middle school.

A steering committee has been meeting to look into facts and figures, evaluate population studies and go over architectural surveys, Tisdale said.

Big ticket items such as aircondition-

ing and new roofs will get first priority. Also under consideration are floor repairs, window replacement and plumbing work. Bathrooms require new partitions and lockers need repair and painting.

Overcrowding, and the need for more classrooms in the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District, has had "teachers floating" between classrooms, Tisdale said. There are also needs for textbooks and new desks to replace those that have worn out.



Waveland Elementary students, Skip Ladner and Erin Jackson, were recipients of the American Legion Award from Post 77. Principal Debbie Cox congratulates them.

The system will be welcoming a new certified librarian. Longtime librarian Sue Ann Osbourn has retired. Tisdale said there is a lack of qualified people in that profession and the district was "very fortunate to get librarians," both certified and non-certified.

"The board wants gaming revenues to be shared with the libraries," he added.

Programs added recently have included an R.O.T.C. program at Bay High that has been "very successful," Tisdale said. A vocal music class met with good response from the students and an elementary band program is in

the works.

An after school tutoring program may also be implemented. "We are exploring that possibility," Tisdale said. And, the system is striving to become more responsive to its students' special education needs.

Starting times will differ when school resumes, the superintendent said. The high school schedule will be from 7:55 to 2:55 and the elementary, 8:30 to 3:30. "It's in the best interest of the kids we transport," Tisdale said.

The district is advertising for a speech and drama instructor and a chemistry/physics teacher. It "continues to look for bus drivers," he said.

The district, with recent increases, continues to be competitive in salaries.

## St. Stanislaus

### Boarding/day school links past with future

BY TRACI BONNEY

What began with a simple request by a parish priest some 141 years ago has evolved into what is today the largest Catholic boys' resident school in the United States.

In 1853, Our Lady of the Gulf pastor Fr. Stanislaus Buteux asked the Brothers of the Sacred Heart to educate the parish's children. In January of the following year, Brs. Basile Venable, Leo Maligne and Joseph Deimer arrived. In 1855, they purchased a plot of land facing the water and built a two-story building for \$3,400. St. Stanislaus College was born.



In its history, the school has weathered storms of various sorts, from the Civil War to two yellow fever epidemics, from a fire that destroyed the school to Hurricane Camille. Through it all, the school has persevered and grown. Today, more than 650 students are enrolled either as residents or as day students.

From its establishment until 1923, St. Stanislaus was a junior college; hence, the name "St. Stanislaus College." In 1923, however, the curriculum changed to a college preparatory program, which it has remained.

It has been a highly successful college prep curriculum, too, since the school sees 96 percent of its graduates enter

college and about 50 percent of those receive academic scholarships.

Students at St. Stanislaus are challenged to learn to think for themselves, to express their thoughts well, to appreciate truth and to establish an individual relationship with God. This philosophy has been part of the school's foundation from the day of its establishment, and it is reflected in the rules and conduct codes each student is expected to follow.

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While there is no school uniform *per se* for St. Stanislaus students, they are expected to follow certain dress guidelines. Students are to wear standard dress slacks; neither jeans nor military-style clothing are allowed. Shirts must have collars; no t-shirts are allowed unless they are worn under a collared shirt. Shirts also must be tucked into the pants.

St. Stanislaus has maintained a record for academic excellence. Its faculty include Brothers of the Sacred Heart and local lay people. In 1991, for the first time in the school's history, a lay principal was hired, Dr. Michael Ryan.

The school, while preserving its mission of Christian education for young men from all over the world, has not neglected its duty to keep up with the times. In May of 1991, an addition to the school was completed, which included seven classrooms and a computer lab.

St. Stanislaus has been careful to remain faithful to its history, while continuing to shape the future through the education offered to its students.

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## Local casinos

Industry brings jobs, revenue to area

BY MARY G. SEILEY

**T**hey sit in the Sound and in the Bay, like floating pots of gold at two ends of Hancock County: Jubilee to the west, Casino Magic at anchor in the east.

Under the rainbow of good fortune, gaming has smiled broadly on the once much quieter, poorer, sleeper towns and communities below.

One Bay St. Louis city councilman recently complained that it takes a full 15 minutes to get from St. Stanislaus to Casino Magic these days -- it never took 15 minutes to get from any one point to any other in town before, said councilman James Thriffley.

That it does now attests to the success, and some of the headaches of progress, that the county's new boom industry has generated.

The county's casino population doubled during the year, growing from one to two when Bayou Caddy's Jubilee Casino swung open its doors in January.

County officials, from the Board of Supervisors to the smallest of fire district personnel, had eagerly awaited the revenues that Jubilee's operations would bring. At times, they eyed with envy the swelling coffers of the city of Bay St. Louis, significantly richened by a year's operations of Casino Magic within its corporate boundaries.

The wait paid off at the county level. "I'm expecting (another) check any day now," said Patty Greer in early June, as she tallied up Hancock County receipts from gaming for this fiscal year: \$766,880.36. The sum includes a relatively small rebate the county receives from the state's collections from Casino Magic's revenues. But most of it has come from Jubilee, which opened five months ago.

Since gaming began here in late 1992, the county has collected a total of \$1,549,255, according to Greer, county comptroller.

The financial photo is even prettier for the city of Bay St. Louis: Casino Magic has put \$2,050,784 in the city's accounts since October, and another \$2.6 million during fiscal year 1993.

In all, the city and county have taken in some \$6.2 million, thanks to the pair of casinos' revenue sharing.

In addition, the cities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland have seen sales tax col-

lections skyrocket since gaming hit the coast.

Bay St. Louis' collections are up significantly this year: \$589,000 for the first eight months of fiscal 1994 compared to \$470,000 for all of fiscal 1993.

Waveland officials took in \$948,000 in fiscal 1993. They've collected \$861,000 in the first eight months of this fiscal year.

And, there's more money to come -- county officials say the casinos are appraised at about the same figure. Each should expect a property tax bill in the range of \$500,000.

Where's it going? The county has spread its new wealth among the county schools, the sheriff's department, the library and fire district operations. Some is set aside for upgrading county roads, and some is reserved for property tax reductions in the future.

The city, meanwhile, has shared some of its casino profits with the Bay-Waveland school district. The city property tax rate was slashed last year, and the city has invested in capital improvements such as sewer system extensions and upgrades, and new equipment.

Recently \$500,000 was set aside for a city beach renourishment program. The city has bought local transit buses, and is eyeing construction of a comfort station downtown to attract tour buses to town.

The city also used casino revenues to launch a sidewalk construction program, and add personnel to its police department.

Jubilee, Hancock's newest, is also the smaller of the two operations. With 1,200 employees, the casino boasts 875 slot and video machines, and 60 table games.

It has a 190-seat buffet, and a 300-seat "Cabaret Showroom" for live entertainment. About 75 percent of its employees are Hancock or Harrison County residents.

A 10.5-story alligator, featuring over a mile of neon tubing, motions traffic from Highway 90 onto Lakeshore Road, down to the New Orleans-themed casino at the tip end of South Beach Boulevard. Some 1,200 parking slots serve the customers.

By late summer or early fall, an upscale steak and seafood restaurant should be open in a new building beside the casino. Later, a hotel and parking garage structure are to rise on the



Casino Magic is aglitter, holds great expectations for visitors

waterfront next to the gaming hall.

On the eastern side of Hancock County, Casino Magic has 1,600 employees on the payroll, with 1,150 slot machines and 68 table games. It is a sprawling, 530-acre site that includes an RV park for 100 camper vehicles, a 17-acre marina with 50 slips, and some 3,000 parking spaces for patrons.

Near the barge-based casino itself, some 600 pilings have been shoved into the earth for a 428-room hotel. Long-range, the casino plans a total of some 1,500 hotel rooms in two buildings, with extensive meeting and banquet facilities. An 18-hole Arnold Palmer golf

course and academy are planned in the same area.

The casino itself offers a 200-seat buffet, a food court and Torgy's 24-hour restaurant.

Aside from those who drive directly to the two casinos, hundreds of gamblers are bused and flown in to take their chances. Stennis International Airport has applied for millions in federal grants to upgrade the facility as a result of the new casino charter traffic. Two new motels have been announced for construction.

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Jubilee Casino has a New Orleans flavor (Photo by Sallie Fuller)

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## Port & Harbor Commission

New director anticipates increase in services at park, airport

BY TRACI BONNEY

**T**hink of the phrase "economic development," and what's the first word that comes to mind? Chances are, "fun" isn't it.

However, that's exactly how Hal Walters described his new job as executive director of the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission.

"I've been here since February, and boy, am I having fun!" he exclaimed. "Before this, I had worked as the state manager of recruitment in the Mississippi Department of Economic and Community Development. I had never been on the local end of the business."

"I worked with (former commission director Harold) 'Buz' Olsen several times, and had an opportunity to see a little of how things operate in the local system. I found that Buz had a couple of things of which I was envious."

"One is that the president of the commission's board, Dave McDonald, is outstanding at what he does. He does an excellent job heading up the board here."

"The second is the amazing amount of infrastructure present in Hancock County. The number of highways alone that go through this county is something any economic development director would love to have, then you have the industrial park at Port Bienville — 2,500 acres of space with barge and rail access — and then you see that the county has the second longest non-military runway in the state."

### INDUSTRIAL PARK

At this time, there are 12 tenants at Port Bienville. Walters said Manufab is the newest. It manufactures steel and other metal products, ranging from the ornate handrails found in some of the local casinos to large components of river lock systems for the Corps of Engineers.

Walters said he is dealing with three or four other prospective park tenants at present, but he cannot divulge any details at this time.

### RAIL SPUR

Walters said the Port Bienville rail spur is a definite asset to the area.

"As a matter of fact, it is a revenue generator for the commission and the county. GE Plastics ships out about 900 cars of ABS plastic resin a year. We vacuum out the cars and wash them, and we charge a fee for that and for transporting the cars out to the CSX rail line," he explained.

"GE is anticipating a gradual increase in production. With that will come additional rail car shipments, which will mean more money to the commission through the railroad car wash."

"In addition, I just met with another major tenant of the park which may also begin to ship its product out by rail."

He added that the commission is in the process of applying for funds to enlarge the railroad car wash and to increase the rail car storage track, to accommodate the increase in railroad traffic.

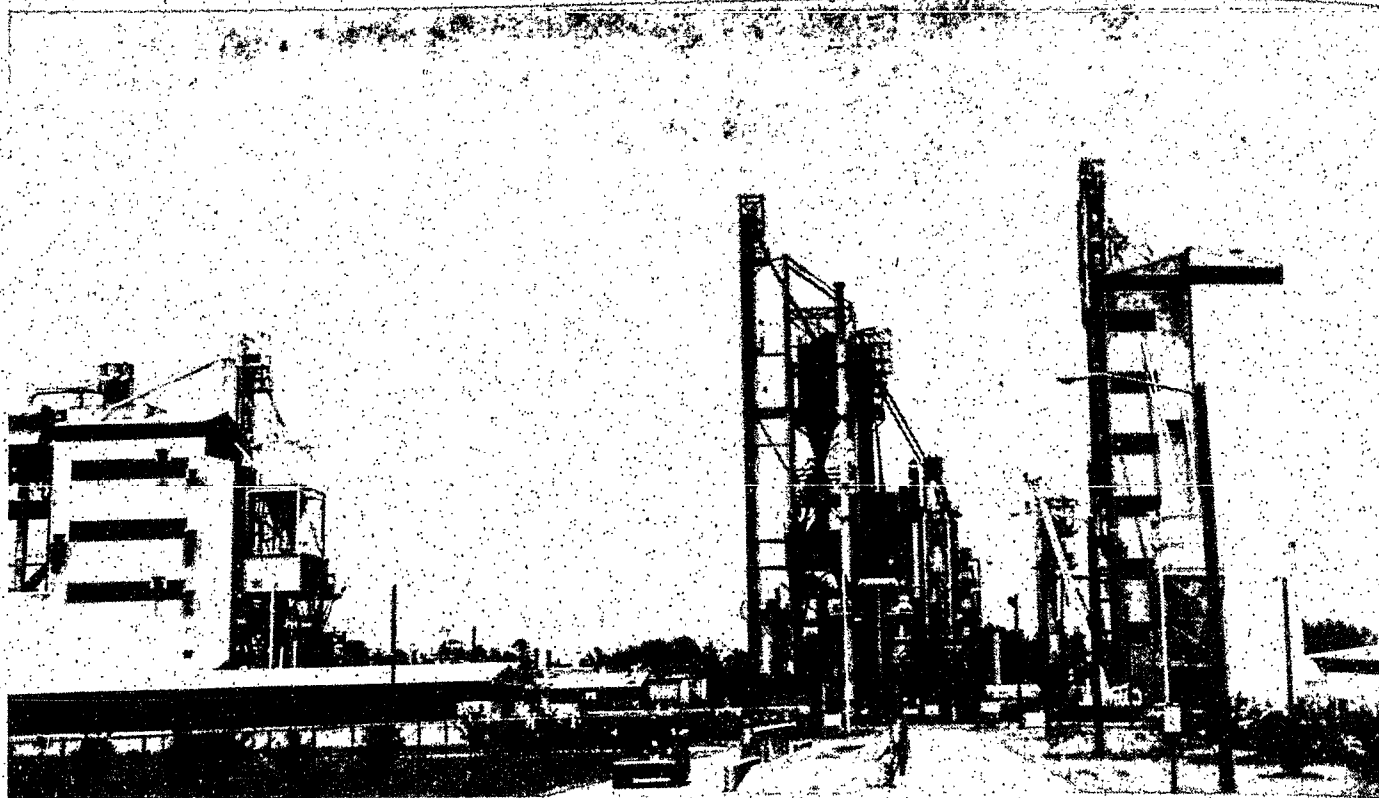
### SHIP TERMINAL

Another asset for the park is the ship terminal, which the commission owns. Operated by Star Export Services Inc., it creates a direct link between Mexico, Central America and Hancock County for the transport of a number of different products, Walters said.

"Star Export just added a fourth ship, and the commission is preparing a third berth at the terminal to accommodate additional ships," he commented.

"Hancock County is ideally situated for an increase in trade with Mexico and Central America from the signing of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). I've talked with several companies in the Northeast and in Canada that are interested in an intermediate link with Mexico for storage, warehouses and/or manufacturing facilities, and Port Bienville is in a perfect location to be that link."

"We are structuring our economic



Calgon Carbon Corp. is one of the Port Bienville park's 12 major tenants

development efforts toward attracting this sort of industry. My biggest problem, with all these opportunities, is: what do I do first? What do I do second?"

Another aspect of the ship terminal's value, Walters said, is that it is one of only a few in the United States that will handle explosives. "This means we receive business from companies we would not otherwise be able to serve," he stated.

### WETLANDS

One problem that has plagued the Port and Harbor Commission in its efforts to recruit industries for the Port Bienville park is that in 1990, under a new interpretation of the Wetlands Act, the Corps of Engineers delineated about 500 acres of the park as wetlands and therefore unuseable.

Walters said, "The commission is undertaking an effort to mitigate most of the delineated wetlands at the park by developing a special management area plan. If the plan is approved by the Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Marine Resources and other agencies, the commission would agree to construct and enhance certain designated areas of wetlands."

"We are about halfway through the planning process, which takes two years. If we can do this, it should give us an additional 500 acres available for development."

### STENNIS AIRPORT

Stennis International Airport, located off Hwy. 603 north of Waveland, has run into a problem recently, Walters said.

"The airport has probably been there for more than 20 years, and has had very little traffic, except for general aviation. Now, right at the end of the runway's expected life, it has received heavy traffic from charter flights serving the casinos."

"Now, don't get me wrong. This is a good problem to have. It means money is coming into the county. However, the traffic has brought the need for additional infrastructure and services at the airport," he commented.

"The commission has allocated a significant increase in the budget to airport facilities. Due to the heavy traffic and to aging, the runway will need to be overlaid, and an additional commercial aircraft apron is to be added this year. The commission is seeking approximately \$1.5 million from the Federal Aviation Administration for this."

### OPPORTUNITIES

"The commission feels there are many other opportunities for the airport, particularly since most of the required infrastructure is in place. For

instance, we could establish an air cargo terminal between Mexico/Latin America and Stennis International airport. We are perfectly situated for it and at this point we have an uncongested airport and ground facilities."

"There are other revenue-generating activities that will be targeted by the commission as well," he continued, "all of which will become part of a five-year strategic plan, which will be developed over the next year."

"The commission feels that activities at the airport should be well-balanced to include additional growth and services for the general aviation community, including corporate aircraft. Phillips Aviation has been the glue that's held the airport together the last several years, and will continue to be a major player at the airport."

"The Stennis Airpark, adjacent to the airport, has been and will continue to be an asset to the community as a tool to attract jobs and investment to the area."

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## Sand beach

Some major aspects are yet to be done

BY MARY G. SEILEY

**S**eagulls screamed in a feeding frenzy, at times almost drowning out the incessant roar of heavy equipment engines.

Huge yellow machines wiggled around heavy-duty pipelines and strings of leaning, rotting pier pilings, slogging through pools of water to spread precious white sand from a borrow pit in the Sound.

It was a show that Hancock County residents flocked to see, some perching on the seawall with children, dogs and cameras. People were understandably mesmerized by the all the action. Traffic slowed to a crawl, as the work pushed on

yard's seawall exposed and deteriorating again, with officials wondering aloud whether some sections of the roadway were in danger of collapse.

In what officials saw as an exceptionally smooth operation, the latest renourishment program steamed along without problems until, at the 11th hour, state and federal environmental officials stepped forward with concerns over a form of seagrass found adjacent to the seawall south of Dane Street.

The seagrass, while not an endangered or particularly rare species, was an unusual vegetation to find growing along the Mississippi shoreline. It turned out to be stronger than the renourishment project itself -- officials

to have the project out for bids within a matter of weeks.

Meanwhile, the Sand Beach Advisory Committee, which nurtured the county program from inception, continues with its work. There are some major aspects of the project yet to be done, although all the county sand that's going to be pumped is in place.

With some \$575,000 left over from the shortened renourishment program, the committee is studying how to provide parking and restrooms for the increased number of beach-goers who are sure to be attracted to Hancock County.

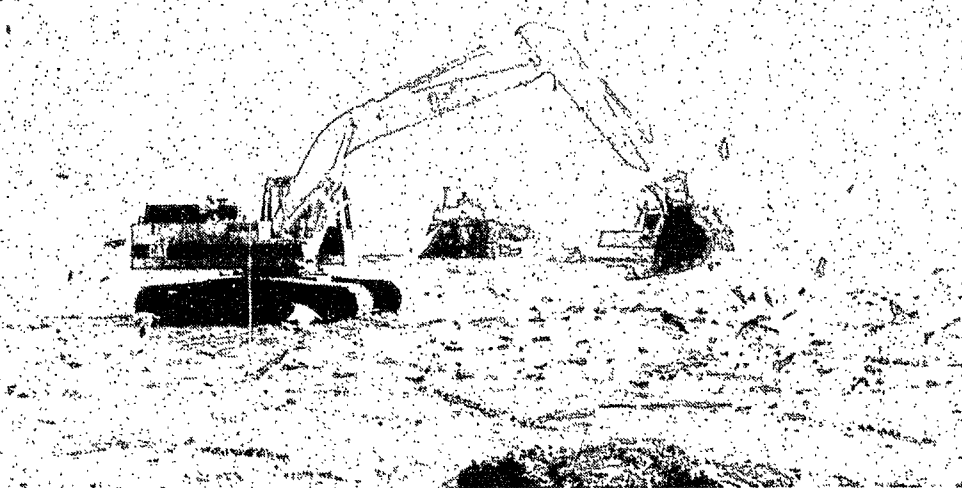
In addition, the committee wants to

oversee erosion-control measures to keep the new berm in place as long as possible.

Committee members also discussed the need to have professionals monitor drainage problems that the recent project didn't address.

Drainage work under the James contract was about half completed by mid-June. Officials say in addition to that work, there are other areas that need drainage upgrades which are not included in the current contract.

The county funded the project with a \$2 million bond issue, and proceeds of a gasoline tax devoted to seawall protection.



Heavy equipment works to renourish sand beach



Curious spectators observe activities

and on and on. Curious drivers couldn't resist hitting the brakes and staring.

So long in the coming, the Hancock County beach renourishment project ended almost abruptly. The first renourishment sand splurged from T.L. James Co.'s pipes March 15. The non-stop project spewed a 200-foot-wide sand berm from Washington Street in Bay St. Louis to Dane Street in Waveland, a 4.4 mile stretch, ending May 1.

The scope of the project was under study for at least 10 years before the action started. Its proposed length varied greatly along the way, until the Board of Supervisors opened bids and were stunned to learn they had enough money to complete a 5.7 mile run of renourishment.

The bids were far below what engineers had estimated, enabling the board to approve a larger project than most had hoped for, at a total of \$2.8 million.

Hancock's beach last was renourished in 1967, in an emergency program to protect the seawall from the deterioration wrought by wave action. The 27 years that have passed since then, however, left many sections of Beach Boule-

cut the project short by 1.3 miles to protect the grasses.

County officials were enraged by the prospect of losing the chance to pump sand along the stretch at issue, protecting the seawall and the highway for another couple of decades. It's still not clear what the county will do to protect the rest of the seawall.

Just before the heavy equipment and dredge pulled out, officials agreed to stockpile some 10,000 cubic yards of extra sand, to accommodate Jubilee Casino's hopes of installing a beachfront and new seawall at the southernmost stretch of South Beach.

Meanwhile, Bay St. Louis city officials launched an effort to renourish about 5,000 feet of waterfront between the Bay Bridge and Bookter Street. Plans to extend the county's contract with T.L. James didn't work out, however, because the company left town before the city could finalize its arrangements.

City officials are undeterred, however. They've set aside \$500,000 for the work, obtained all the necessary permits, and are exploring a new sand source off North Beach Boulevard. If the sand source is adequate, officials expect

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## Waveland

One-time 'bedroom community' turns proactive in development

BY TRACI BONNEY

**T**hings are looking up for Waveland, things like sales tax revenues and building construction in particular.

Barbara Rappold, mayor pro tem while Stella Frilot was out of town, said that revenues have increased from sales taxes collected at local businesses, and that new businesses are opening which will add to future revenues.

"Shoney's came in this last year, which really helped boost revenues, and we have several new businesses coming in, including Kentucky Fried Chicken, Sav-A-Center, and Tire Town, which is almost finished being built over by Kmart," she said.

"Shoney's alone is a substantial investment in the community. The payroll for this year will be about \$75,000, which economists say will turn over seven times in the local economy. With the sales tax, that means an investment of \$7 to 8 million for the year."

Business construction isn't the only thing that's booming in Waveland. Housing starts are up, too, Rappold said.

"There's a lot of building and construction all over. Water's Edge has been building homes from the beach side of its development, and now is starting to open up the inland side from Central Avenue. I'm amazed at all the new houses going up."

Keith Mitchell, Waveland's community development director, confirmed the increase in housing starts.

"For years, Waveland was the bedroom community of the Coast. There wasn't much growth residentially, and there weren't many new businesses starting up, either. But now look at what is happening."

"Five years ago, housing starts were between four and eight a year. In 1993, there were 62 new single family housing starts, and there have been 29 in the first four months of 1994. That represents an increase of about 800 percent in five years."

### CITY PROJECTS

This year is an election year for both the mayor and the board of aldermen, but it is obvious that the city's officials are not using that as an excuse not to continue working on improvements throughout the city. A number of projects have either been completed or begun recently, or are in the planning phase, according to the mayor pro tem.

Rappold said the city recently finished a Farmers Home Administration sewer and water system project in Ward 4, and has also upgraded the drainage on Coleman Avenue at the Central Avenue intersection. In addition, the intersection has been redesigned to add turning bays.

"That is a busy intersection, and we think the new configuration makes it much safer," she commented.

The Coleman Avenue upgrade is not the only road project on the city's slate. Rappold said plans are being made to do a number of paving projects over the next few months.

### BOURGEOIS PARK

The city now has the deed to Elwood Bourgeois Park, which was owned formerly by CSX Railroad.

"We're one of the only cities on the Coast to get anything from CSX in exchange for them closing a railroad crossing. They closed the St. Joseph/Debuc crossing, but they deeded over the park to the city," Rappold said.

Mitchell added that the city is working on funds to renovate the ballpark.

"We see ourselves turning into a very proactive community," he commented. "We don't just wait for things to happen any more; we make things happen for us now."

For instance, Waveland applied for and received acceptance in a statewide flood insurance rating program, similar to Mississippi's fire insurance rating program.

"We are one of the first eight cities in



### Groundbreaking

Waveland Aldermen, Chamber of Commerce and city officials and dignitaries from A&P get ready for formal ceremonies to break ground for construction of a Sav-A-Center in Waveland. The store will offer a wide variety of foods and will include a hot and cold deli, bakery and florist. The \$6,500,000 project is expected to bring approximately 200 full and part-time positions to area residents.

the state to be accepted," Mitchell said. "Right now we're a Class 9 city, but we — along with Pass Christian — are the first in the state to upgrade to Class 8. That will take effect in October of 1995, and will mean lower flood insurance rates for city residents."

Speaking of fire insurance, Fire Chief David Garcia said recently that he and his staff are working toward lowering Waveland's fire classification again. Right now, Waveland is a Class 6 city, as are Bay St. Louis and Diamondhead. However, Garcia said Waveland is very close to dropping to a Class 5 rating, which will lower residents' insurance rates even more.

### REVITALIZATION

"There are a lot of things we're laying the foundation for," Mitchell said. "One of them is the Main Street Program. We're working with the state Downtown Development Association to submit our application to the program now."

The Main Street Program operates on the national and state levels to assist towns in revitalizing their downtown business districts.

Mitchell also said the city has submitted an application for a Community Development Block Grant that will be used in a homeowner partnership program to help renovate 20 local homes and clean up their neighborhoods.

### ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS

Another bit of good news for the city is that for the second consecutive year, Waveland's administration has received a clean bill of health on its official annual audit. The city government received for the first time in its history a letter of clean management at the end of fiscal year 1992-93, and received another such letter for the 1993-94 fiscal year.

"The auditors reported they found no problems to deal with," Rappold said.

The city is going the way of many other government offices, by putting records of various sorts on computer. Rappold said that the privilege license and voter rolls have been computerized thus far.

### CIVIL SERVICE

Waveland adopted Civil Service for its employees recently. Mitchell said it not only protects city employees, "it also lets you attract a higher performance

level employee. You may not be able to offer the highest salary to a prospective employee, but you can offer a good salary plus some job security."

Rappold added, "I'm delighted that it passed. I've been pushing for Civil Service for the city for about 22 years now, ever since I started with the city."

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## Diamondhead

Face of former resort continues to change

BY TRACI BONNEY

Once a haven for full-time retirees, Diamondhead still looks like a resort community, but is reversing the "aging process."

According to Jon Ritten Sr., president of the Diamondhead Business and Professional Association, only one-third of the community's 4,800 residents now are full-time retirees, while approximately 650 residents are children under 18.

"We're experiencing a steady population growth of about 10 percent a year," he commented. "Many of those new residents are parents with young children. In fact, I believe registration at Diamondhead Academy is up to about 100 students for next year."

"At this point, our infrastructure is able in most areas to keep up with the population growth, but as you know, more people eventually means more challenges to overcome."

From January to the end of May this year, Ritten said, 106 new home permits were issued.

A large amount of the new construction in Diamondhead is thanks to the revenues being generated by the gambling industry, Ritten said.

"Gaming has been good for Diamondhead home sales and construction," he commented, "but our market is so broad-based that it isn't single-focused. A lot of our older population comes from snowbirds who have visited friends here in the past or who have wintered here, and then relocated to Diamondhead when they retired. We also get a good number of people from Florida, California, Louisiana and many other states who move here for different reasons."

Diamondhead is a community hemmed in by wetlands in some areas, so its areas for further growth are limited. However, they are not nonexistent. Ritten said plans have begun for a new development, Glen Eagle.

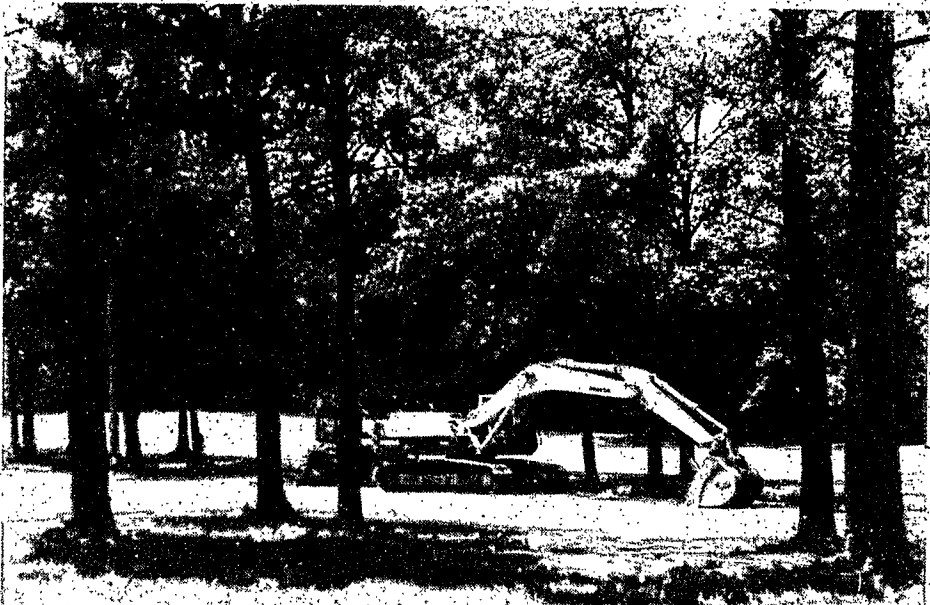
stores and other places of business.

"We don't have much crime here, but problems come with growth, and we want to be prepared."

The 18-acre Indian Hill development, which includes Coast Delta Realty, the post office, a dentist's office and the attorney's office currently under construction, is right on schedule, according to Ritten.

"We're letting the demand push the growth," he said. "That's the way a business campus like this should be built, one building at a time as the need

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A bulldozer sits on a lot in the Glen Eagle development

"There are several things the local residents are concerned about; the youth are their biggest concern. People are beginning to recognize that we have to offer our children more to do. We have a good youth organization, and we have the recreation centers with the ball fields and pools, but we need to do more."

"We're hoping to have in the future an advisory committee that will be made up of youth representatives as well as people from the various organizations in Diamondhead. Each one will be able to give us some idea what their group can do with and for our youth."

A problem the community is facing now, Ritten said, is that of political participation among some of the younger residents.

"They want to do something for their kids," he explained, "but they don't want to get involved with the politics of the community. The thing is, it's the political process that governs the direction this community goes. We need all the residents to be involved, but especially those younger people who are expecting to be here 40 or 50 years."

The community is apparently no closer to incorporation than it has been so far. Ritten said, "Honestly, I have no opinion about it. Incorporation has both its pluses and its minuses, and as far as I'm concerned, it's up to the residents to decide what they want."

### HOUSING STARTS

According to data compiled by Ritten, building permits issued for residential structures during the resort's first 14 years averaged about 65 a year. In 1987, that figure leaped to 111 permits, then to 125 in 1988. The next two years saw a dramatic drop to 93 permits in 1989 and only 65 in 1990. Over the next three years, the permits issued climbed to 75, then 142, then 171 last year.

According to a promotional brochure, Glen Eagle will have as its boundaries the front nine holes of the Cardinal golf course. It will include 189 lots and a 30-acre private wooded area.

Ritten said the subdivision, which is being developed by Purcell Company, is under construction. No definite date has been named for completion.

### BUSINESS COMMUNITY

As the residential community has grown, so has the business district, Ritten said. The community now boasts two doctors, a dentist and four lawyers, as well as three banks and a number of other service-oriented professionals.

A new Chevron/Blimpies sandwich store is in operation; a video rental/arcade has opened in the shopping center; an attorney's office is being built; and other projects—including a Waffle House—are in the works, he commented.

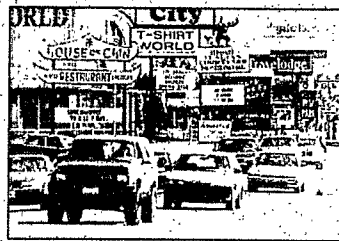
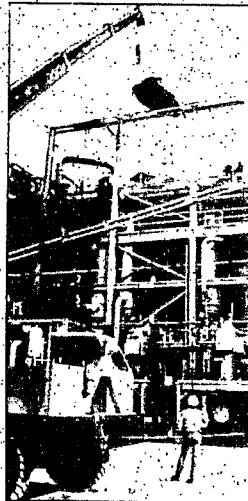
"I'd like to see some more fast-food places come in here. The trouble we have in getting a McDonald's or other such restaurant is that they rely heavily on demographics, and when the 1990 Census was taken we were still part of the rural north Bay St. Louis area, with the 39520 zip code."

"Now, we have our own zip code—39525—but there is no demographic information under the new code, so the number-crunchers with these companies don't realize what an active area this is."

On a brighter note, the post office has been a pleasant surprise, Ritten said. "It's doing great, way over anyone's expectations. We have a lot of people outside the community who come here."

He also said protection is a top priority for the business owners. "We're working on several things to enhance safety, including more lighting around the

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## Civil Defense

Readiness is key to county's safety

BY TRACI BONNEY

Whether it's gale force winds, noxious chemical spills or a nuclear attack threat, the Hancock County Civil Defense office is ready to meet the challenge.

When asked about the office's activities, Civil Defense director Robert J. Boudin, now in his 18th year in the position, launched into the topic that was uppermost in his mind: hurricane preparedness.

"We try and stay prepared, but we need individual families to formulate plans for what they will do in the case of a major storm. Will they leave town, go to a shelter, or try to wait out the hurricane at home? That last choice, staying at home, is good only if your house is sturdy, well-built and on high ground.

"If that's the case, it may be your best option to stay put instead of fighting through evacuation traffic or adding to the load at one of the shelters. However, if you live in a low-lying area, you need to get out as soon as you hear of the threat of a storm. If you aren't sure whether or not you live in a flood zone or low-lying area, call either your insurance agent or this office. We can tell you if you live in a flood zone.

"If you need assistance in getting yourself or a loved one evacuated, make arrangements now, while the sun's still shining. You need to talk to your doctor, see if he will hospitalize you if a storm hits, because we can't fill up the hospital with patients who don't absolutely have to be there, since we'll need the bed space if an emergency hits.

"The Main Street United Methodist Church center is a shelter for the handicapped, but you need to make arrangements to get there in the event of an emergency. Better yet, I'd rather see you get out of the storm area completely, go visit a relative for a few days if you can.

People who live in mobile homes — we're getting a lot of those in the county now — need to know when to get out of them. For some reason, they attract storms, especially tornados, so you need to get out under any tornado conditions, watch or warning. At the first broadcast of a watch or warning, you should leave, go visit a friend who lives in a house or go to some other, safer, structure.

"If you're in the mobile home and you hear a tornado — most people say it sounds like a freight train bearing down on you — your best bet is to go outside and lie facedown on flat, level ground or in a ditch if one is available.

"If you live in a mobile home, you need to leave not only for a tornado, but also for a hurricane. The waters and high winds make mobile homes very unsafe during a storm.

"As for the casinos, we're in constant touch with them, helping them work on their plans and reviewing them to make sure they are the best possible plans for each casino.

"Casino Magic wouldn't have to evacuate in the case of a hurricane. It's in fairly sheltered waters. Jubilee Casino, though, would have to move. The plan for it is to go to Port Bienville. Fortunately, that does not involve going under any bridges.

"The Civil Defense directors on the Coast have met with the governor's office several times recently, to try to get legislation passed that would require casinos to be able to tie down and resist a Category 4 storm. A recent meeting at the governor's office focused on evacuating people from the casinos in the event of a storm. The people are our main concern. The boats are the casinos' concern."

### EQUIPMENT

One of the vital elements in storm preparedness, and an important part of the county's Civil Defense network, is the monitors in the local schools.

"We're working with the schools to get the monitors updated," Boudin said. "We were trying to get funds to buy new

ones when the tornado hit recently in Alabama. Because of that, the government is now trying NOAA weather radios in the communities. If those work out, we'll be able to get them at a much

lower price than the monitors cost, and the government will pay about 75 percent of the price for each one."



One of Civil Defense Office's 31 radiation detection kits

The radios, which pick up broadcasts by the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (which includes the National Weather Service), are available at local electronics stores.

"You can get these at Radio Shack now," Boudin explained. "There are two models. One costs about \$19, and the other is \$39. The higher-priced one has battery backup in case you lose power.

"With the radios costing about \$40 each, and the government paying three-fourths of that, we can easily get one for each school. And if we can get them for less than \$40, that means individuals, businesses, churches and others can afford one also, so everyone can affordably keep up with the latest weather information."

Another essential part of the county's warning network is a siren. So far, Boudin said, Bay St. Louis and Kiln each have a siren that can be used to warn of an approaching storm, a nuclear threat or a hazardous materials spill. He added that he wants to set up one more siren in Bay St. Louis, one in Waveland and one at each casino. However, each siren costs more than \$15,000.

### NUCLEAR ATTACK

"In this time of seeming peace and safety — at least locally — some may think it a bit overcautious to think about the threat of nuclear attack, but Boudin maintains it is a very real possibility.

"I'm more worried about it now than I was even last year when the Soviet missile codes were missing for a few days, as our problems continue with North Korea. With things up in the air like they are right now..." he commented, not finishing the obvious thought.

"It took me several years of working on it, but this area finally was designated by the government as a possible prime target for attack, because of the numerous military- and government related businesses and agencies on the Coast, as well as the fact that we are in a major population center, when you look at the whole area from New Orleans to Mobile.

"However, since this is a subject people don't like to talk about, it's hard to tell anyone how to prepare for a possible attack. The government would have to take over the TV and radio stations and give warnings almost at the last minute

for them to be taken seriously. "There really isn't much anyone can do to prepare anyway, short of building a bomb shelter in the backyard. We do have a designated shelter for government."

check it to make sure he or she isn't getting an unsafe dose of radiation. If the clip-on meter (which looks like a closed fountain pen) shows the radiation level is still high, the monitor immediately returns to the shelter and logs in the reading, and we know it's not safe to go out yet."

### HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

"We're concerned more with hazardous materials than anything else now. Vast amounts of hazardous materials come through here now, both by rail and by the roads. But we've been working on that problem. We have a hazardous materials team now, which is very well trained and fully equipped to handle a spill.

"People in a potential spill area need to keep tuned to their local radio and TV stations for information. If a spill does occur, the immediate area will be cordoned off, then the people nearby will be evacuated as quickly as possible, unless the material is so toxic that it would be safest for the people to remain indoors.

"If a spill occurs, the people in the area need to get inside, close and seal off the doors and windows, cut off the air conditioner, and stuff rags or something into any cracks or gaps that might let outside air into the house. Once the house is sealed off, it is okay to run a fan for air circulation. You just have to make sure no air is coming into the house from outside.

"Then, keep tuned to the radio or TV, and it will be announced when it is safe to leave the house."

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## Law enforcement

County's three departments create special operations unit

BY TRACI BONNEY

**R**emember the 1970s TV police show SWAT? Well, Hancock County now has its own SWAT team.

Bay St. Louis Police Chief Frank McNeil said the county's two police departments and the Sheriff's Office have formed a special operations division (SOD) and are working on obtaining equipment.

"We're having a good bit of success at buying equipment through surplus sources," McNeil remarked.

The division includes four Waveland officers, seven from Bay St. Louis and nine from the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff's Department Investigator Matt Karl is SOD director.

"I don't know this for sure," Karl said, "but from what people are telling me, we have one of the best-organized teams in the area."

Waveland Police Chief James Varnell said two of his investigators who are in the SOD had a head start on some of the other personnel. The two officers had already been trained, in former jobs, as hostage negotiators.

Karl added that the division had recently completed 60 to 80 hours of SWAT (Special Weapons And Tactics) training with New Orleans police personnel.

McNeil said, "The division will deal with drug interdiction cases, hostage and barricaded suspect situations, and other high-risk situations. I want to emphasize that this division is not being set up specifically because of the gambling industry, but because of the increased number of residents and businesses moving into the area. We want to be prepared should the need for such a division arise at any future time."

Varnell concurred. "You hope you don't ever need the SOD, but you know

there's a time when you will, what with all the people coming in here now. Two casinos elsewhere on the Coast have already had 'hostage' situations."

### TRAFFIC FLOW

Sheriff Ronnie Peterson, Varnell and McNeil all said the same thing concerning the gambling industry in Hancock County: So far, the main problem it has created has been increased traffic flow and accidents.

McNeil said, "So far, the gambling industry hasn't caused many crime problems; it has, however, caused a major increase in traffic flow and problems that result from having a greater number of cars come into the area."

Varnell had a similar comment. "Traffic is unreal at all hours of the day and night."

Peterson, saying much the same thing, added, "So far, the traffic has been our biggest problem. Knock on wood —" he knocked on his desk for emphasis — "it will stay that way."

McNeil said, "We're working with the federal highway department on getting two traffic lights on Hwy. 90, especially one at Washington and 90. We're also looking at changing the light at Hwy. 90 and Main Street so that it will accommodate the new turning lane that will be added on Blue Meadow Road."

McNeil and Varnell also are working with Gulf Regional Planning Commission on the preliminary stages of a multijurisdictional highway safety grant for a traffic unit. "This unit will be strictly to deal with traffic on both city sections of Hwy. 90, the Bay St. Louis and Waveland stretches," McNeil said.

In their efforts to control traffic problems, the two city departments have succeeded in setting a speed limit of 25 miles per hour, the whole length of Beach Blvd, he added.

### CALLS INCREASED

According to McNeil, even though

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Bay St. Louis PD has a '90s kind of fleet — all the cars are 1991s or newer

## County jail crowding becoming a problem

BY TRACI BONNEY

**I**n a recent interview, Hancock County Sheriff Ronnie Peterson touched on a problem that now plagues jails and prisons throughout the United States: inmate overcrowding.

"It's going to become a critical problem in the near future," he stated. "We have state inmates who are supposed to be in Parchman, but it's so crowded that county jails have had to take the overflow."

"The government has said the state inmates have to be moved out of the county jails by August 1 or fines will be imposed, so I don't know what's going to happen."

Peterson added that the Hancock County jail had, at the time of the interview two weeks ago, the full number of inmates — 100 — that it could hold.

District Attorney Cono Caranna said crowding is more evident in Harrison County. "They have between 850 and 900 prisoners at any given time. The capacity at that jail is 750 maximum."

Caranna said he sent Governor Kirk Fordice a letter recently suggesting that the state use some of its surplus revenues to build additional prison facilities. The letter suggested several laws that should be passed, including life without parole as a sentencing alternative for capital murder; no parole for violent crime until eighty percent of the sentence is served; and a minimum twenty year confinement before parole for a life sentence.

Caranna went on to say that the stiffer penalties will burden a prison system already crippled by a space shortage, so the need will arise to build more facilities.

The D.A.'s letter also asked the governor to give prosecutors the resources to be tough on crime. Carranna suggested that the state's budget surplus could be used to create additional prison cells for criminals who "should not profit by early release."

To this, the governor sent a reply thanking Caranna for his suggestions, and included an article from the *Clarion-Ledger* by Charley Reese of *The Orlando Sentinel* which Fordice said cited many of the solutions Caranna mentioned.

Caranna commented, "It was like two ships passing in the night."

The state legislature did address some concerns connected with the state's criminal system during its 1994 session. According to a document highlighting the session, a series of bills was approved to deal with prison crowding and to make sure that space is available to house violent offenders.

Among the legislation passed was one that authorized \$9.9 million for additional units in Rankin County and ten 20-bed modular prison units, \$1.5 million for three new restitution centers and renovation of three existing centers, and \$875,000 for a pre-release classroom facility at Parchman.

Other projects approved include 1,000-inmate medium security prisons in Lauderdale and Perry counties; a 500-bed unit at the South Mississippi Correctional Institution in Greene County; a 1,000-bed facility for medium and maximum security prisoners, which will be operated by a private contractor in Marshall, Panola or Tate counties; and a prison work center in Noxubee County.

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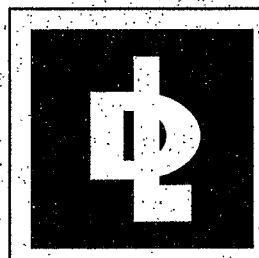
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## Enforcement

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the crime rate has remained relatively stable, the number of calls for police assistance and service has increased.

"We receive anywhere from 1,400 to 1,800 or more calls a month for service. A lot of those calls are for domestic disturbances, suspicious persons or vehicles. In many cases, the calls are because of neighborhood watch programs, which is good."

One way the department has increased efficiency and reduced the workload for its 24 certified officers is the division of the city into three zones. "Each vehicle responds to calls in its zone," McNeil explained.

"This gives the officers a responsibility to become familiar with the residents and activities in their zones. That way, we are more likely to spot something that is wrong or out of place, like a darkened house that usually has all its lights on or an open window in a home whose owner normally doesn't crack the windows."

"The officers do swap zones, but they stay several days in each zone. This system allows all the officers to gradually become more familiar with the whole city."

The department has detectives and a supervisor on duty for each 12-hour shift, as well as detectives on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The supervisors assist on calls when needed, evaluate officers and read their shift reports.

The 18-officer Waveland Police Department recently

changed from eight-hour to 12-hour shifts, Varnell said.

"We have twice as many officers on the streets at any given time now, which gives us better coverage of the city," he remarked.

have a good bunch of officers who are very dedicated to the community and to doing the best job they can to protect the city's residents.

"I also want to compliment the (Bay St. Louis city) admi-

In fact, one finds that all three law enforcement offices consider continuing education a top priority. All three chiefs will say that keeping their officers up-to-date on technology and other advances is essential to running an excellent department.

Training is invaluable, but so are good laws. McNeil said the city's recently passed open container ordinance should help cut down on disturbance problems in some of the neighborhoods.

"This will allow us to break up some of these parties where people are drinking, doing drugs and getting rowdy. It will especially help us where bottles are concerned."

"Now, I'm talking about alcoholic beverages, not Coca-Colas. Sometimes folks get to drinking and they throw their bottles, sometimes at you. This will cut down on those incidents and help reduce the litter on the streets as well."

### EQUIPMENT

Most of the Bay St. Louis Police Department's vehicle fleet is brand-new, according to Chief McNeil. He said 12 of the department's Crown Victorias are 1993-94 models, and the rest are 1991s. The department also has a Bronco utility vehicle, which comes in very handy for moving the department's rescue boat into and out of the water.

"We now have water rescue capability," McNeil said. "We have access to a boat, and two officers are trained to use it and its equipment."

He added that the department will soon have four new cars with modern radar equipment and VHS cameras mounted on the dashboards. "These will be marked vehicles, highly visible, that we will use to document speeding stops in the neighborhoods. We've had a lot of complaints from some of our neighborhoods about people going too fast, and we hope to cut down on that with these new cars."

The Waveland department also has new vehicles, 10 of them, and has recently acquired more radar equipment. And the Sheriff's Department, thanks to extra revenue coming from Jubilee Casino because of a local and private bill, is upgrading its fleet by buying a car a month.

Sheriff Peterson said that once the fleet is upgraded, the next purchase with the extra money will be hand-held radios for SD officers. Third on the department's priority list is to raise salaries eventually, once the equipment purchases are finished.

As for the Hancock County Metro Narcotics Task Force, it is also buying what director Dave Stepro of the WPD calls "much-needed equipment" with funds from the more than \$25,000 in drug money the task force has received from the Drug Enforcement Agency and U.S. Customs.

All in all, the three law enforcement chiefs of Hancock County agree that things are sailing smoothly, and hopefully will stay that way. Knock on wood.



Waveland PD's new radar equipment will help slow speeders

The Sheriff's Department — which consists of three administrative staff members, 14 officers on the road and 18 jail personnel — also switched within the last year to 12-hour shifts. Peterson, like Varnell, said the shifts give the county better coverage. He added, however, that the dispatchers are still on eight-hour shifts.

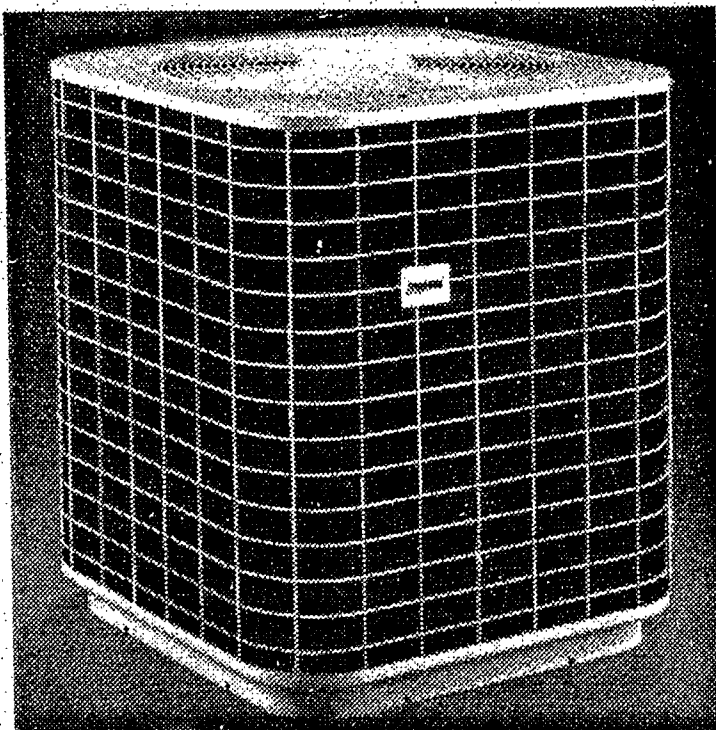
McNeil commented, "We

nistration for their cooperation in providing us the officers and equipment we need to do a good job. Mayor Favre believes, as I do, in keeping our people up-to-date on information needed to excel in our professions. We have a generous training budget, thanks to the city, and we intend to continue sending our officers to training sessions as the needs arise."

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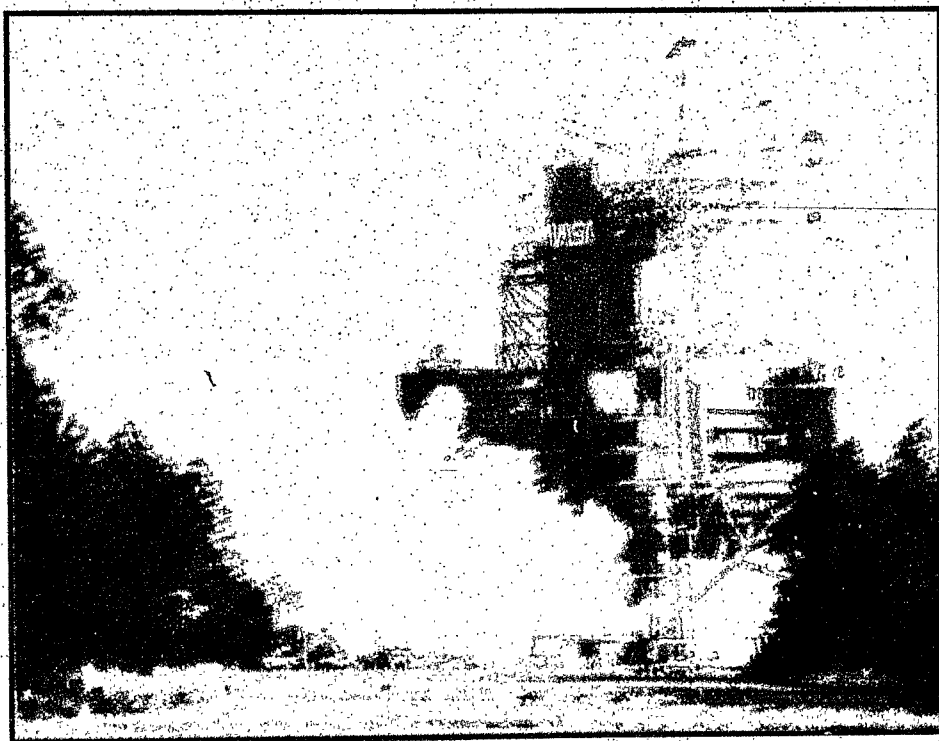
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## Fire protection

Pate: VFD Aid agreements will lower insurance rates

BY TRACI BONNEY

While the news from the county fire marshal's office may not set ablaze the hearts of local residents, it should kindle some warm embers of gratitude.

At present, the county's three paid fire departments — Bay St. Louis, Waveland and Diamondhead — all are Class 6 districts. Of the eight volunteer districts, Kiln and parts of East Hancock (including Garden Isles) are Class 9, and the rest

toward unity in firefighting skills," he remarked.

"I want to say to any person that is interested in joining any of our volunteer fire departments, their help would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in joining, contact either your local fire department or call me at 466-4709."

The county's firefighters are trained on a continuous basis. An annual nine-week training program is taught by training coordinator Mike Willumitis and his partner, Dennis Westbrook, who both wear several firefighting hats. Westbrook is also the chief of the Diamondhead Fire Department, and Willumitis is the assistant chief to Andrew Lizana, head of the Bay St. Louis department.

### BAY ST. LOUIS

Bay Fire Chief Andrew Lizana said all of his firefighters are now state- and nationally certified, with the completion by three firefighters of their national fire academy training.

The department has 12 full-time firefighters, a dispatcher/secretary, a fire prevention officer, the assistant chief and chief. There are four firefighters, one a lieutenant, on each shift.

"We're going to more meetings, getting into more readiness and prevention exercises, and doing more in-service training," Lizana said. "In-service training is what we're really concentrating on right now."

His main concern for local residents is, as always, helping them to prevent home fires from starting.

"The last four structural fires we fought were electrical-related," he explained. "Two started in attics and one began at a power panel."

"People with older homes should get a licensed electrician to check their wiring, especially when they plan on adding new electrical appliances. If any residents want their homes inspected for hazards, they

should call the fire department and set up an appointment. We'll be more than pleased to check for hazards and make recommendations."

### WAVELAND

David Garcia, who has been Waveland's fire chief since 1986, said his department continues to concentrate on training and education for its personnel.

The fire department is a member of the Fire & Emergency Television Network (FETN), which offers training and education shows twice a day each weekday. The programs include hazardous material handling, emergency medical techniques and firefighting training. At the end of the month, FETN airs its Encore Week, when it re-runs every program broadcast during the month so that member fire departments can videotape the shows. Garcia said the fire department supplies the tapes.

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Firefighters contained recent blaze at Antiques Arcade

The number of fires in Hancock County last year was about the same as the year before, according to Fire Marshal Richard Pate, and the percentage of fires that could be called "suspicious" — 25 percent — has also remained steady.

In fact, Pate recently issued a warrant for the arrest of a car fire suspect, who was being held by police in Gretna, La., on other charges. In addition, Pate said, suspects in two other arson cases are under investigation.

While it is good to know that Pate, the local fire chiefs and firefighters are on the job, it is even better to hear that their efforts at improving service throughout the county are resulting in lower fire insurance rates for local residents.

### LOWER RATES

"We've had some really great news from the state fire office that the new automatic mutual aid agreements between volunteer fire departments are now accepted as an alternate source of water. This will make the volunteer departments drop a classification, which will help lower insurance rates in many parts of the county," Pate said.

These automatic mutual aid agreements call for districts to cooperate with one another in transporting water to the site of a fire. In areas where the available water supply is scarce, these agreements can make a major difference in response time and firefighting capability.

"My goal is to get every department in the county to a Class 9 or lower," he remarked.

are Class 10.

### DRY HYDRANTS

A project that has been in the works for quite some time, the county's dry hydrant program is "starting to kick in," Pate said.

"I have sent out bid sheets to several companies for materials, and five sites throughout the county have been selected. Eventually, we want to set up hydrants all over the county."

"Personally, I'd like to see one every 200 feet. People don't realize how hard they are to put in, though, because they think we have water all over the county. The problem is, most of the water is in the south part of the county."

The dry hydrant is a relatively new concept in fire protection. A dry hydrant is one that is connected not to a city or county water system, but that draws its supply from existing water sources such as rivers, lakes and bayous.

### OTHER GOOD NEWS

The county's firefighting and rescue equipment is being upgraded or replaced gradually, Pate said. For example, the county is acquiring a new Jaws of Life because the one currently in use is getting old, he explained.

Just as important, most of the county's volunteer firefighters are state-certified. In fact, Hancock County has the highest ratio of state-certified volunteer firefighters of any county in Mississippi, the fire marshal stated.

"I have seen the volunteer fire departments, since I've been in office, come a long way



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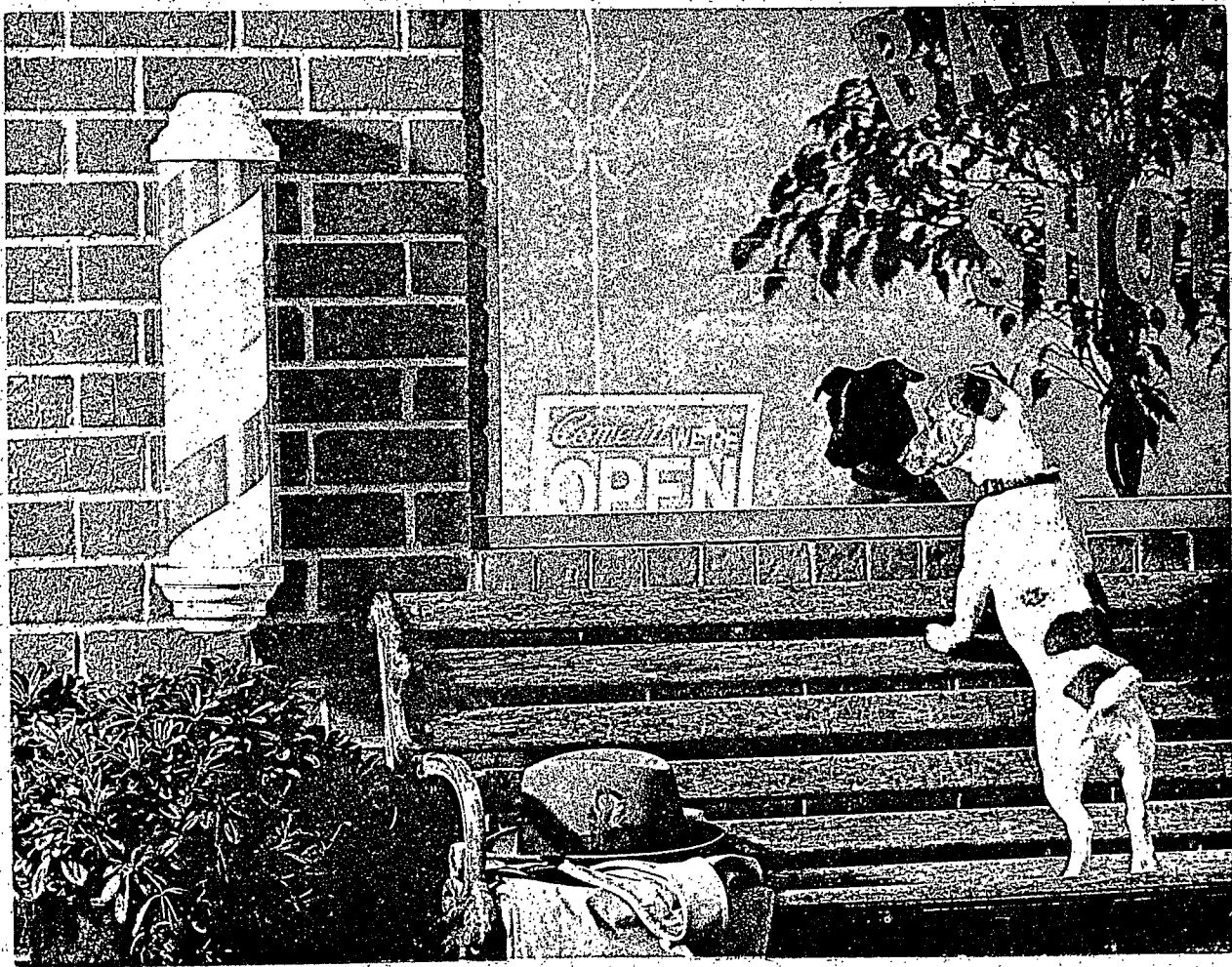
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## Library System

### Library usage continues to rise

The Hancock County Library System began in 1934 as a Works Progress Administration project. The library consisted of 200 books in a room donated by Hancock Bank.

The City of Bay St. Louis provided the library with a stove and fuel, and Hancock County offered lumber and workmen to build shelves.

By 1948, the library was moved to the ground floor of the Knights of Columbus building on Main Street. The collection had acquired 9,000 items, and it was obvious that the library would continue to grow and require more adequate space in the future.

In 1953, the Library Board of Trustees raised \$7,800 in donations and purchased the Plunket home at 123 Court Street. This library became known as the City-County Memorial Library.

In 1966 a donation of \$10,000 was made for a new library building. In order to become a public library and thereby gain financial support, the Library Board of Trustees offered the library property and the collection of books valued at \$50,000 to Hancock County and the cities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland.

On June 20, 1966, the Hancock County Board of Supervisors accepted the offer and allocated millage for operation of the library. No longer would the library have to depend on donations to keep its doors open.

On Nov. 24, 1966, Bay St. Louis accepted and voted to support the library. Waveland then approved operating funds in January, 1967.

This allowed the library to receive assistance from the state library agency—the Mississippi Library Commission, which loaned shelving, furniture and books.

During this time, many people were still working toward proper library facilities for Hancock County. In 1967, the dream moved toward a reality when a piece of property at Hwy. 90 and Ulman Avenue was purchased for \$17,000. This was to be the sight of a new library headquarters building.

A campaign for funds brought donations which paid the debt on the property.

Application was made to the Mississippi Library Commission for funds from the federally financed Library Services and Construction Act, a process which would prove to take many years.

Meanwhile, a bond issue was offered in 1968 and defeated; yet, those who believed did not lose sight of their dream.

Even with a small budget for operating the Bay St. Louis Library, service was extended to other areas of Hancock County. The Mississippi Library Commission loaned a bookmobile to be used in the rural areas, and in April 1969 the first bookmobile was purchased for the county.

The Mississippi Library Commission bookmobile was then parked near the Waveland Town Hall and opened as a branch.

Also in 1969, the main library was moved to a building on Dunbar and Ulman avenues. The move had not been completed when Hurricane Camille hit. Even though the library and its contents suffered severe damage and loss, it was reopened to the public after only three weeks.

In 1971, the board of trustees was informed that Hancock County was second on the list for federal funds to construct a library building.

If the 1967 application was accepted, the amount would have to be matched with 40 percent local money. A Building Program Advisory Committee was formed to remind candidates for county supervisor to support millage for construction of a new library building.

As a result of the committee's work, the Hancock County Board of Supervisors became the first in the state to levy one-half mill for construction before

funds through the Mississippi Library Commission would be received.

Library service continued to grow when the Waveland Branch Library was officially opened in 1971. This branch was located in rooms in the Waveland Town Hall.

Today it stands next to the Waveland Civic Center, holds 9,000 books and is the headquarters for the library system's Literacy Program. This building was doubled in size and renovated in 1982.

During 1973 and 1974, renovations were made to the building on Dunbar

and administrative complex in Bay St. Louis, the library moved to temporary quarters in February, 1994.

#### EXPANSION/RENOVATION

The construction contract for the expansion/renovation of the City-County Library headquarters building has been awarded to H. Gordon Myrick Inc. in Gulfport.

The project expands the headquarters building by 8,000 square feet and totally renovates the existing facility.

The new building will house administrative services for all three branches

rounded by book and media collections, while the casual reading area will be enlarged and there will be a new quiet study area.

There will also be a room housing a typewriter and computer for public use, an enlarged meeting room and the Margaret Hicks Shadin Children's Room.

The building will be totally modified to meet all Americans with Disabilities Act for the handicapped, and will include a new roof and a new heating and air-conditioning unit in the existing building, which was 18 years old and had to be replaced.



Artist's rendering of proposed building

and Ulman avenues, making the circulation of books more efficient. A new bookmobile was purchased in August, 1974, and began making its rounds in the county.

Finally, seven years after the application was made, word was received that money would be available for the construction of a new library building under the Library Services and Construction Act of 1974.

On Sept. 3, 1974, a legal agreement was signed by officials from Bay St. Louis, Waveland, Hancock County, the Library Board of Trustees and the Mississippi Library Commission.

The Library Board of Trustees had on hand \$54,000. Waveland agreed to allocate \$4,000; Bay St. Louis, \$25,000; and Hancock County, \$53,400.

This was the \$136,400 local money needed before the \$204,521 federal money would be released to the Mississippi Library Commission for use in Hancock County.

On Sunday, July 13, 1975, the formal groundbreaking ceremonies were held, and on June 27, 1976, the building was dedicated. It occupies 10,500 square feet of space and houses approximately 60,000 books and media.

In April, 1977, the Kiln Library was located in a temporary facility until on Oct. 16, 1977, the Kiln Library was dedicated in its present building. It is located on Hwy. 603 in the former Farm Bureau building. It holds 4,000 books.

To expand the library's centralized service area, a Library Services Construction Act grant was received. Included were funds to install an integrated computer system to automate all library functions at the three branches.

On June 15, 1989, a dedication was held for the new area, and in October 1990, all three branches went "on line" with the new integrated computer system.

From 1976 to 1993, visits to the library branches have increased from a few thousand to more than 34,000.

To meet this need for increased services, the library has over the years implemented the latest in library technology, automation and information resources.

To continue to meet this increase in library use, a new building program is underway to expand and renovate the headquarters library in Bay St. Louis. The project will provide an additional 8,000 square feet, and assist the library in providing the most advanced, up-to-date library services to the community. Anticipated completion date is late fall, 1994.

In order to allow for the renovation and expansion project of headquarters

of the library system and its adult education program, as well as provide centralized library services for the public.

New features of the building will include 32 parking spaces, with access from either Ulman Avenue or the Highway 90 Service Road.

Two main service points will be available, one in reference in the new area, and one at checkout in the main lobby.

The reference desk will be sur-

The asbestos abatement project has already been completed on the building, and H. Gordon Myrick Inc. began preliminary work June 13. Myrick has been constructing buildings across South Mississippi and Louisiana since 1967.

Dan Hensarling will be the project manager for the library project, and Ken Cooper, a Hancock County resi-

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## Board of Supervisors

### Diversifying the county's economy

BY MARY G. SEILEY

**H**ancock County officials have an impressive, long answer for anyone who wants to know what they've been up to for the past year.

Capital improvements range from renourishment of 4.4 miles of beachfront (see related story, Page 11) to purchase of a sophisticated computer system for the county tax assessor and Justice Court system.

The county's boat launches have been spruced up, and Stennis International Airport has been beefed up to handle a new boom in charter airline traffic.

A new voting precinct building will be under construction soon in Waveland, and an extension of Hancock Medical Center recently was dedicated in Diamondhead.

Recycling also got underway, with collection centers the county sponsored.

In the road arena, the county mapped plans to substantially upgrade some 17 miles of routes, paving some for the first time and reworking others. Plans to replace the failing Spruce Street bridge have just been endorsed, and the county has agreed to a major upgrade of a portion of Texas Flat Road. A contract was let recently to upgrade part of Lower Bay Road.

New road graders and four new tandem trucks were added to the county's fleet.

All of the above, supervisors note, has been done without a tax increase in almost seven years.

What likely lies ahead? The county will have major decisions to make about the historic courthouse that now houses

study stage to implementation is county zoning -- with increased development, pressures are mounting to control growth in an orderly fashion.

Supervisors have assigned zoning study responsibilities to the County Planning Commission and Gulf Regional Planning Commission. Hearings are likely to be set in the next fiscal year on details of such a plan.

Supervisors say they've seen a major leap in the number of hours required to deal with the now-bustling economy in Hancock County.

While the board used to meet for several hours a month, it's not unusual

these days to find them in meetings for several hours, several days each week.

"Things don't just improve overnight," says Chancery Clerk Michael Necaise. "It takes meetings and meetings and meetings."

One overall thrust the board keeps in mind is diversifying the county's economy, to make sure there is more going on than the gaming industry. "We don't want to just be oriented toward gaming," says Supervisor Robert Peterson.

"We appreciate the money we're getting from it," he quickly adds, but gaming isn't enough to keep the county economy vibrant.



Hancock County Courthouse

While plans were being drawn to expand the main hospital on Highway 90, the county agreed to a refinancing plan that would save the facility millions in debt service.

The list goes on: The old courthouse was repainted, even as a committee of citizens set to work on planning for renovations, additions, or construction of an entirely new facility. Plans were approved to refinance the existing debt of Wastewater District 1, and to launch a substantial expansion of sewer services through that district.

In addition, the county lent a hand to construction of a soccer complex, and agreed to a \$3 million expansion of the regional sewer treatment plant in Waveland.

Two new industries were lured to the Port Bienville Industrial Park. Meanwhile, the county formed a district to consolidate solid waste collection services with the cities of Waveland and Bay St. Louis, and launched its first-ever door-to-door garbage collection program.

the court system and county administrative functions.

Citizens who've been studying the issues say it probably isn't practical to add to the existing structure, and building a new one is a project that will take years.

In the meanwhile, county officials will tackle other options, such as buying or leasing existing office space to bridge the gap.

Two other major items on the county's plate are sewer line extensions and road upgrades. Continued development in Hancock County depends in large measure on providing public sewers.

While grants are in hand to extend sewer service to more residents of the Shoreline Park subdivision, residents of the Pearlinton area also are hoping the county will launch a public system for their rural community.

Roads are a high priority at the county level -- a program for upgrading some 17 miles of county roadways is about to go from the drawing boards to the contract stage.

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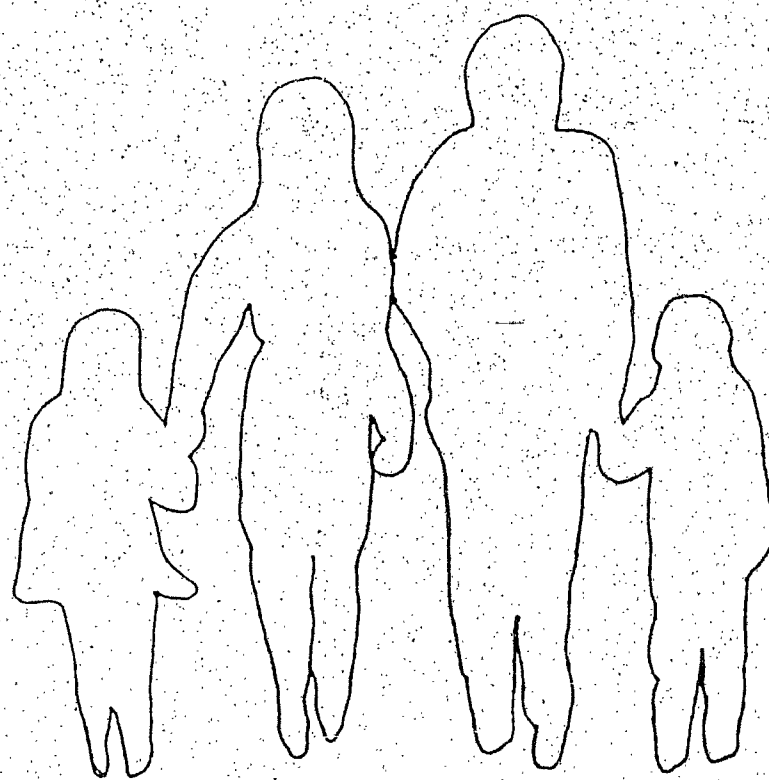
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## Diamondhead

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New home starts are mushrooming in 1994



Indian Hill continues to develop at a steady pace

arises, instead of erecting a bunch of them." He added that negotiations are in progress for two more projects to locate at Indian Hill.

## Protection

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and FETN sends the labels.

The FETN tapes are only a part of an expanding video and reference library the department maintains. The library also includes other training tapes, films and back issues of the three magazines the department receives. Garcia explained, "They're a resource, and they are bought by the taxpayers, so why throw them away? They're still useful."

Organization and preparation are the watchwords for Garcia and his firefighters. He handles an incredible amount of paperwork on a daily basis, but it pays off in reduced response time in an emergency. Much of the information he needs at an emergency site can be found either in his laptop computer or in a metal file that can be taken to the site.

He said that preparation includes keeping all firefighting equipment in top condition and keeping the station's inventory up-to-date. In fact, everything that isn't in the locked storage room, for which only he and assistant chief Steve Garber have keys, is inventoried once every three days.

"We haven't lost anything since 1986 but a flashlight, which walked off one of our trucks in Bay St. Louis during a Mardi Gras parade," Garcia stated.

Continued training for his crew is vital for emergency management of any sort, but educating the community — especially the children — is also an integral part of Garcia's fire prevention program for Waveland.

The department is finishing today its second annual two-day mini-camp for children, in which participants learn not only about potential fire hazards around their homes, but also how to respond in case they get caught in a burning building. The camp includes a mock exercise in which a training area is set up like a bedroom and then filled with smoke (a liquid smoke simulator is used), then the children learn how to exit the room safely.

"If I can make it a game and get it into their heads, then what they learn here will come back to them if they do get caught in a fire at home," Garcia said. "They'll say, 'Oh, yeah, I learned this at camp,' and they'll be able to do what they remember."

"Besides, the most effective way I've found to educate adults on fire safety is to teach their kids and then send them home to bug Mom and Dad about what they learned."

### DIAMONDHEAD

Diamondhead's continued steady growth has put increased demands on the community's fire department, according to chief Westbrook.

"The fire load's increased so much because of all this construction, we're going to have to grow with it just to cope with all the new houses," he stated.

Westbrook said plans for the near future include hiring more people, bringing salaries up to a more competitive level with other departments, replacing a fire truck that is no longer fully rateable with a newer model, and eventually building a second floor onto the fire station.

At present, five of the department's eight paid firefighters are nationally certified at instructor or officer levels, and the other three are state-certified at firefighter 1, 2 and 3 levels. Several staff members also are qualified as EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians), and most of the firefighters are certified to handle hazardous materials.

"We're a small department in an area full of big houses," Westbrook explained, "so we must have the best training we can to both contain and eliminate fires."

The Diamondhead department has mutual aid agreements with the four volunteer fire departments in the north part of Hancock County as well as with the West Harrison department.

"As a matter of fact, we dispatch West Harrison," he said, "and when they are out of the station, they forward their emergency line to our station."

### NEEDS

While the cooperation between departments, the upgrading of equipment and the eventual installation of dry hydrants all are major benefits to the county, Pate said one vital element of all-around fire protection is missing.

"We definitely need a building code and enforcement of fire codes in this county," he stated. "This would help us toward lower insurance rates and a better fire loss ratio. A county of our growth and size needs to have these (codes), and the people need to wake up and realize that we need this. The people have always fought it, though."

At present, the unincorporated areas of the county have no building code. Officials have said that some residents in the past have voiced opposition to any such code, saying it would restrict the freedom they now have to build whatever type of structure they wish, wherever they want to build it.

Meanwhile, though, Pate is doing what he can to increase fire prevention awareness.

"I'm working on an overall fire prevention program for the county, which will be implemented later this year. The program will be presented in the schools, for senior citizens' groups, and for babysitters, among others," he said.

All in all, it is probably safe to say that no one has had to light a fire under Richard Pate to motivate him, during the first 20 months he has worked as fire marshal, fire investigator and fire services coordinator.

## Library

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dent, will be the site supervisor.

The project will be completed in approximately six to nine months.

### COMPUTER SYSTEM

Several major enhancements to the Hancock County Public Library System integrated computer system will provide patrons with a wide range of resources, according to Prima Plauche, library system director. This upgrade to the library's computer system is part of the renovation and expansion project of the headquarters complex.

### LIBRARY USAGE

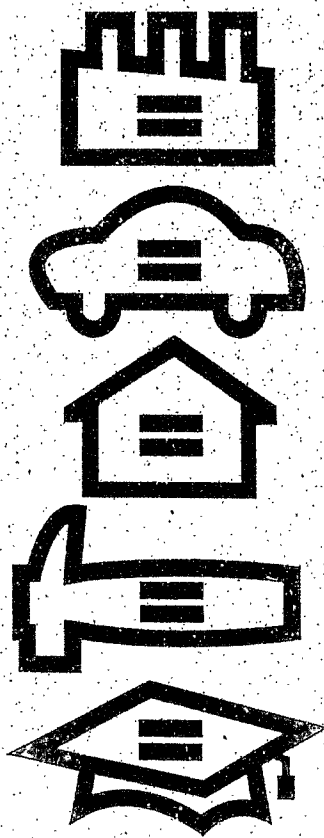
If figures tell a story, then we have one to tell! Since 1990, the Hancock County Library System has seen a 30 percent increase in use, from 88,000 circulated items in 1990 to 123,329 in 1993.

And with 17,100 registered library users, or more than 50 percent of the entire county, this increase is reflected in the expansion and renovation of the headquarters and administrative complex in Bay St. Louis.

According to statistics published annually by the Mississippi Library Commission for libraries across the state, each borrowable material in the Hancock County Library System was used 1.96 times in 1990, 2.35 times in 1991 and 2.52 times in 1993.

That means that each book, video, audio tape, etc. was borrowed by library users two and one-half times during a year.

And, according to those same statistics, based on a population of 31,760, the Hancock County Library System provided 2.63 items in 1990 for each member of the county, 3.37 items in 1991, and 3.88 items in 1993.



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## Development Foundation

### Depot remains top priority for realigned board

BY TRACI BONNEY

The Bay St. Louis Development Foundation has entered a new frontier, as the nine-member board is now running the foundation without a manager.

Mike Cuevas, the foundation's former manager (and Bay St. Louis clerk of council) recently moved on to another position with a business in Harrison County.

Adams said that although Cuevas is missed, the board is doing well in running the foundation.

"This experience has strengthened the board," he commented. "When we do hire a new manager, we will understand and know more ourselves about what is going on and we'll be better able to contribute substantially to the decision-making process."

"There has been a realignment of the board. We have some new members, and we're about to add two more. For the past couple of months, we've been working on the foundation's infrastructure, trying to bring in more input from the community. Eventually, we're planning to open up the foundation to corporate and individual memberships."

possession of the depot," he said. "Once that's done, we have approval on a federal grant which will be used to bring the building up to code, then the cosmetic work on the depot will start."

"There is a plan we've developed that will allow several vendors in the downstairs area, and possibly something larger upstairs."

One of the possibilities for the upstairs area of the depot is a small business incubator. Mike Cuevas, the foundation's former manager (she has since moved on to another job elsewhere on the Coast), was a driving force behind many of the group's projects, including the incubator. She said in last year's *Hancock Today* that the foundation had been working closely with a dozen or so public and private entities on the incubator.

"Its function will be to assist in developing new businesses and stabilizing existing small businesses so that the owners and staffs can concentrate on manufacturing, selling and improving their products and services," she said.

Adams said the incubator is still a very real possibility, but that — as with any other depot plans — the project must wait until the city owns the depot.

receptacles, and about designing them maybe with flower planters on top, or something similar so they won't be just cans sitting in the middle of the sidewalk. We want to make the receptacles something that people won't mind seeing in the downtown area."

As for the streetscape plan, he said the board is waiting for the city to adopt its comprehensive planning ordinance before any plans are made.

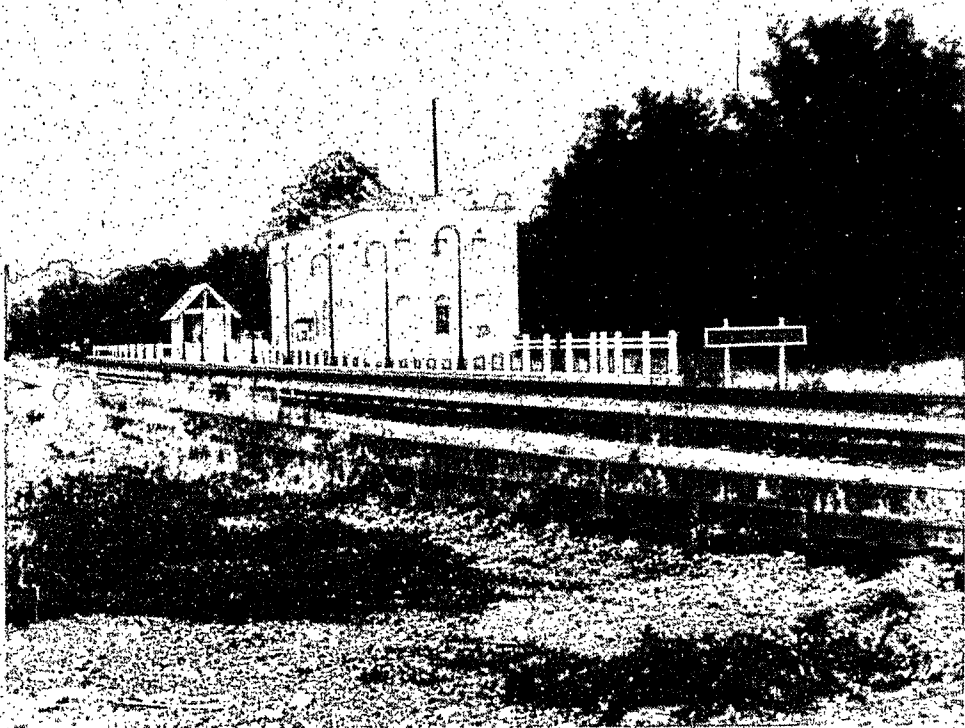
"We don't want to develop a street plan and then find out it's contrary to the city's ordinance," he explained.

However, other projects continue smoothly. Adams said, "We've taken on the Concert in the Park series, and it has been very successful, very well-attended. Because of scheduling conflicts, we weren't able to have a concert in June, but one is planned for July."

"In addition, our standing committee for A Place of Art, the downtown art tour, is working on the Third Edition now."

"Our main goal is to promote Bay St. Louis, and we're always looking for good projects to take on. We're getting ready to canvass the area over the next two months to find out what local people, both residents and business owners, want to see in downtown Bay St. Louis."

"Our three broad areas of concern have always been the traditional downtown area, the traditional depot district and the traditional highway area. Right now, though, we're concentrating more on the depot and downtown. Further down the road, we'll be able to turn more of our attention to the highway area and develop programs and plans to suit businesses along Hwy. 90."



The City of Bay St. Louis is in the process of purchasing the CSX depot

The foundation is a member of the national Main Street Program, which was founded to assist cities in revitalizing downtown and other older business districts. The national and state organizations fill a number of needs, including training people in the members cities on fund raising through grants and on other practical aspects of city revitalization.

The Main Street Program focuses not only on revitalizing the businesses in a city's downtown area, but on assisting the city's Main Street members in restoring or creating aesthetic appeal, making the downtown area not just a viable business district once again, but making it an area people want to visit.

Member cities also have opportunities to exchange information and share insights on their work during regional and national conferences.

#### THE DEPOT

The foundation continues to center its external efforts on the revitalization of the old CSX depot, but must wait until the city takes possession of it before plans can proceed, according to foundation board president John Adams.

"The city is in the process of taking

Of course, one of the main reasons the city decided to purchase and renovate the depot was so that it would be more attractive to Amtrak passengers when they debarked in Bay St. Louis. However, the commuter service Amtrak had planned seems to be on hold at this time.

Even so, the depot still will be a valuable addition to the city's historic and tourist assets.

#### OTHER PROJECTS

Adams said several projects are in the infancy stage for downtown development, but that the details are not open for discussion at this point. One thing he was able to say is that Hancock, Peoples, Merchants and Sunburst banks have created a low-interest loan pool for small businesses in areas where the foundation is trying to encourage commercial growth. The loans are available for maintenance and improvement of those businesses.

Last year, Cuevas mentioned two downtown projects the foundation was working on, new trash receptacles and a streetscape plan. Adams said the foundation board is currently planning the design and construction of the trash receptacles, which they are designing to be aesthetically pleasing.

"We're talking about cost to build the



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Hancock County is the home of two public parks, Buccaneer State Park and McLeod Park, which are open yeararound. Buccaneer, located two miles off Highway 90 on Beach Boulevard in Waveland, features a seasonal wave pool, water slide, wading pool, game room, tennis courts, basketball courts, 3 play areas, nature trail, outdoor amphitheater, seasonal camps and great Gulf fishing.

Colorful legends of smuggling and piracy along the Gulf Coast by Jean Lafitte and his followers led to the park's naming.

The French buccaneer was said to have even inhabited the old Pirate house, once located in Waveland.

The park site, also known as Jackson's Ridge, was used as a base of military operations by Andrew Jackson during the Battle of New Orleans.

Jackson later returned to the area and built a house on land that is now part of Buccaneer park.

In addition to primitive campsites, the park has available 500 hook-ups for water and electricity, of which 149 also have sewer and cement parking slabs.

Activities include two tennis courts, a basketball court, a shuffleboard diagram and a game room containing video games, pinball machines, pool tables and a tennis table. A wading pool, up to four-feet deep and separate from the water park, is located near the activity building within the camping complex.

Throughout the camping area are bathhouses, picnic tables and grills. There is a laundry facility and dumping station.

A camp store and souvenir shop are open during the summer months. A non-denominational worship service is conducted every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. from Easter to Labor Day.

Two picnic pavilions are available for use and several picnic tables and grills are located throughout the park. Another area, located under a canopy of trees and across from the beach, is available for day visitors and offers picnic tables, grills and playground equipment.

Buccaneer's water park complex contains a wade pool with cascading

## Hancock County Home Of Two Year-Round Parks

water, a wave pool and double-flumed water slide.

The wave pool is surrounded by multi-level decking ideal for sunbathing, an observation deck, showers, rafts and a fast-food service.

McLeod Park, spread among 328 acres of rolling woodlands and divided by the Jourdan River, offers a serene retreat for locals and visitors.

The park's entrance is located north of I-10, off Highway 603, south of the Jourdan River and west along Texas Flat Road.

The park was named in honor of Albert J. and Virginia 'Aunt Gin' McLeod. Albert McLeod was a pioneer timberman from South Carolina who settled on the Jourdan River location in the early 1900s.

Here he established a large sawmill, stave mill, planer mill, turpentine plant and general mercantile store, employing about 500 people.

Following his death in 1931, operation of the old store was continued on a limited basis by Aunt Gin, until her death in 1973 at the age of 95.

Albert McLeod also was a member of the county board of supervisors and a member of the original commission appointed to build the Hancock County seawall.

The property itself is within the National Aeronautics and Space Administration buffer zone surrounding John C. Stennis Space Center.

The Pearl River Basin Development District accepted the park's deed with the obligation to condition development of park facilities. McLeod offers 70 camping sites. Forty-one of those sites have water and electrical hook ups. There are no sewer hook-up facilities.

The park has two pavilion areas with picnic tables and grills, a baseball field and boat launch. Canoes and paddle boats are available for daily rental.

### **Buccaneer Park, in Waveland, located two miles off Highway 90 on Beach Boulevard features a great family waterpark**

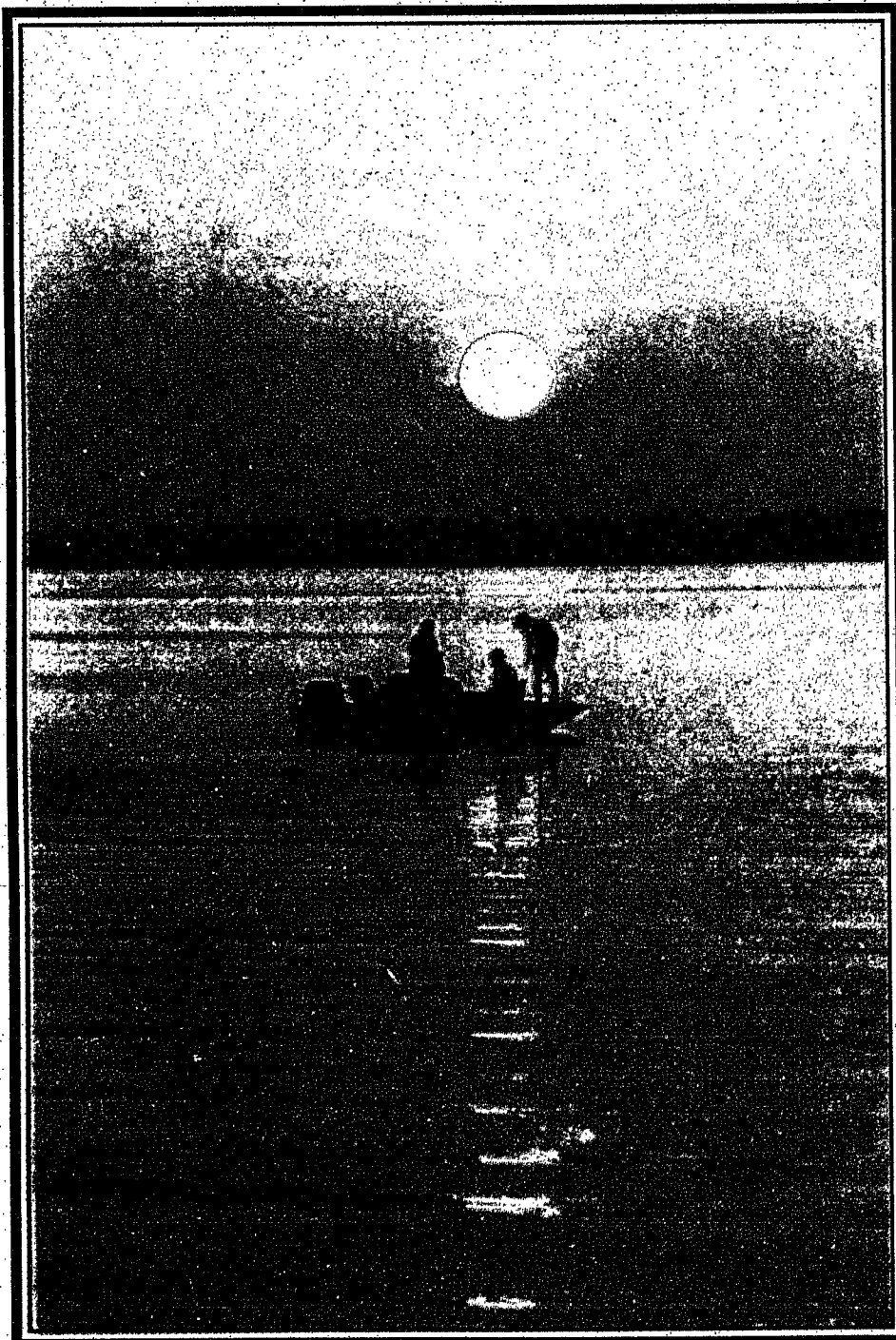


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## Hancock Medical Center

Meeting the demands of a growing population

BY CHARLEE MARSHALL

**"W**e're in the best position we've been in, in our history," said Don Henderson, administrator of Hancock Medical Center, of the facility's progress over the past year.

He is quick to give credit to the hospital board and the Hancock County Board of Supervisors for their efforts in support of HMC.

The strong, cohesive nature of the medical staff and hospital employees also drew his praise.

Hancock Medical Center has operated in its current facility on Highway 90 in Bay St. Louis since 1987, but the hospital has a tradition of providing medical care to this area since 1928 when it was called King's Daughters. The area's growth in population has increased demands for medical and general healthcare services, not to mention industrial expansion that brings about even more demands.

Henderson mentioned Stennis Space Center and Port Bienville and the favor-

able impact industries located there have had on reducing unemployment and boosting the local economy.

"More doctors are coming in," he said of his staff.

HMC presently has 24 admitting physicians. Another 40 doctors are affiliated with the center, with many trained specialists among them.

Henderson said the center was very competitive with others in the area and is recognized as being among those with the lowest rates. The improved volume of business at the hospital has reduced the overall cost of admission, he explained.

This is good news for HMC in light of the growing number of hospitals facing decline in the nation. Occupancy at HMC ranges around 50 percent during the summer months and 65 to 70 percent over the remainder of the year, Henderson said.

He said the facility has added new surgical equipment including videos-

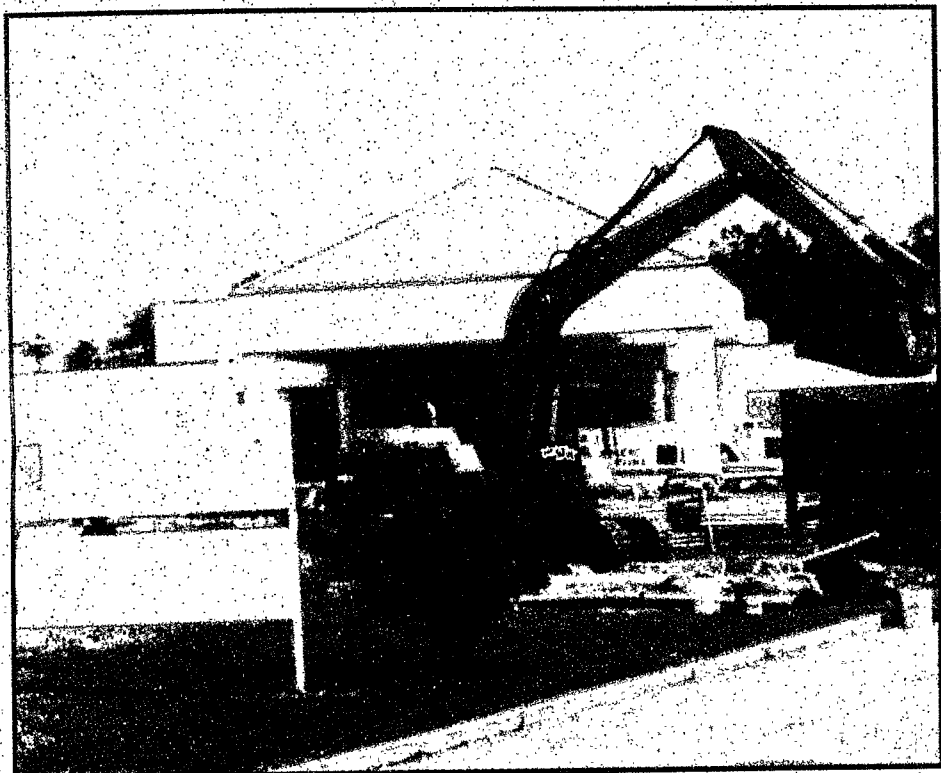
copic tools used in the latest state-of-the-art video surgery. A magnetic resonance unit was also added.

HMC is doing a lot of same day surgery, as is the trend nationwide. About 80 percent of its cases fall into this category, Henderson said.

Construction is now underway on an expansion of its surgical suites and radiology departments. The hospital will be adding an area with multiple check-in posts to accommodate patients and is enlarging its cardiac imaging department.

With the cardiologists on staff, the hospital is equipped to handle diagnostic tests for heart patients and certain emergencies such as heart attacks, but generally refers patients requiring heart surgery to larger hospitals, Henderson said.

The "team concept" pervades in HMC as a method of improving the quality of patient care, the administrator said. The program was implemented to involve its staff in making the patients' stays as comfortable and pleasant as possible.



HMC, a hub of activity



Construction is underway on hospital expansion.

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## Chamber of Commerce

Computerization of office increases efficiency

BY TRACI BONNEY

**C**hamber of Commerce director Cindy Vernon and her staff have found a way to write a letter in 4 1/2 minutes or better.

"We just completed the purchase, training and transfer of all our data to a new computer," Vernon said. "The office is much more efficient now. We were able to put out 10 letters in 45 minutes this morning. Before, that would have taken a few hours."

"The system is almost one-button simple. I say 'almost' because there are a few buttons we have yet to push, to get accustomed to using those particular functions. But that computer has really made a difference in the running of the office."

### INQUIRIES

The computer couldn't have been installed at a better time, because as summer starts, tourist inquiries will increase.

Last year, inquiries from tourists and others numbered 1,724, according to Chamber secretary Kim Rose. So far this year, the figure stands at 672.

"It looked like there were more inquiries in the early part of last year than there have been so far this year," Rose said, "but it's starting to pick up now, with summer beginning."

In fact, Vernon said, she has had to ask for more help to handle the volume of inquiries. She now has a secretary, a summer youth intern and two members of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program on staff.

She also has ordered more of the four-color promotional brochures about the county that were printed last year.

"They go as fast as I can get them," she said. "In fact, I just got a reprint order of 25,000 more."

### FINANCIAL MATTERS

Last year, Vernon increased her budget by 15 percent to accommodate the additional materials needed — brochures, envelopes, stamps, etc. — to answer inquiries about the county and what it has to offer for the tourist. However, the increase in inquiries was far more than anticipated, she said, and the Chamber ran short on funds.

Thanks to a \$500 donation from the Tourism and Gaming Association, and other donations from individual Chamber members, the Chamber staff was able to get through the year without running out of money.

This year, Vernon said, the funds are lasting so far. She explained that the budget is based on the number of members in the Chamber, and last year the organization signed up 100 new members in its annual membership drive.

According to statistics, an organization like the Chamber can usually expect to lose at least half of the new members recruited in a drive, but Vernon said the Chamber retained about 75 of them.

"That is excellent," Vernon commented. "All the experts in this area say that you're doing well if you keep 50 percent of new members, and that you're doing outstanding to keep 70 percent of them. It speaks well of our organization, I think that we retained 75 of the new members recruited last year."

It is no surprise that the Chamber attracted so many new members, especially since Vernon said her office has handed out more small business information packets over the last year than in any year since she has been director.

### PROJECTS

Vernon said the Chamber is voicing its support for several projects dealing with such varied issues as road naming and recreational facilities.

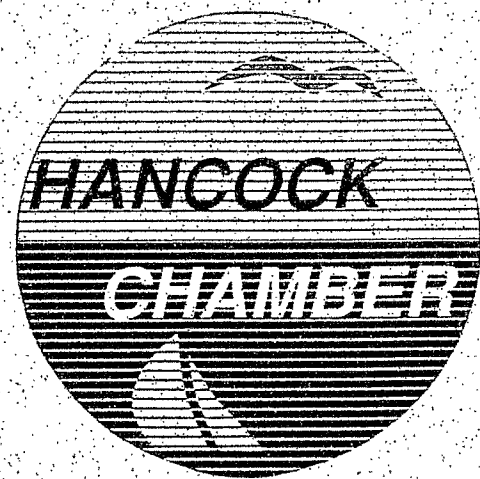
"We are writing letters and resolutions of support for a number of projects," she stated. "One is to have Hwy. 603 dedicated to Norton Haas Sr. Another is to have Hwy. 90 from Lower Bay Road to the Bay bridge named Veterans Memorial Drive. We aren't asking

that it be changed for address purposes, just that it be renamed to honor our veterans."

"Another letter of support we are writing is for the Bay Area Youth Soccer complex, which is being constructed behind the Civic Center on Longfellow, at the old fairgrounds. So far, construction has been going well. BAYS has received donations of materials and labor, and has applied for grant funds to complete the needed work."

"We are giving our support to this project because without the complex, we can't host any regional or state tournaments. Those tournaments bring in a large number of people, who bring a lot of dollars to the community."

"There's always someone who has forgotten a toothbrush or their socks or soap, and they have to go to the local stores to get them. In addition, you have all these people staying at the hotels, eating at the restaurants and visiting local attractions."



### TELEPHONE PIONEERS

The Telephone Pioneers of America will be back at Buccaneer Park again this summer, Vernon said.

"We are anticipating 500 or more rigs for the international rally in mid-July," she stated. "They had such a good time with the hospitality in Hancock County when they came in 1990 that they set this rally for here, too."

The Telephone Pioneers of America is made up of former and retired telephone company employees. Most of them will come to the rally in campers, and some will arrive a week or more before the rally actually starts.

Hospitality plans for this year include a red beans dinner, served by Chamber members and officers; a breakfast cooked and served by city and county officials; a Mardi Gras-style parade through the park, sponsored by the Waveland Civic Association; and special events sponsored by the county's two casinos.

"It's truly a community effort for this rally," Vernon commented.

### COMMITTEES

"The education committee is rolling fast and furious on the Hancock 2000 program," Vernon said. "We're starting on individual goals now, and the governor's educational advisor will visit in the fall to see how we are doing and to offer pointers if needed."

In the economic development committee, a number of projects are in the works, including: bringing counselors from the Small Business Development Center into the county on a regular basis; a hospitality training seminar, first for "front-line" employees such as service station attendants and restaurant/hotel staff, then for other employees who interact with the public; and a trolley swap with neighboring cities.

The hospitality training seminar is a joint venture with the State Department of Tourism and the University of Southern Mississippi, Vernon said. She added that the Chamber's economic development committee hopes to be able to videotape the first training session and use the tape as the basis for future classes.

Concerning the trolley swap, Vernon

said it is an effort to bring visitors into Hancock County from elsewhere on the Coast.

"On a monthly basis, we will extend an invitation to another community — say, Ocean Springs, for instance — to spend a day in the Bay. Visitors will be able to use their \$2 day pass for the Coast Transit Authority trolley, the Beachcomber, to come over to the Bay."

"We're working with the merchants to get them to offer discounts or hold a drawing for a free gift for trolley pass visitors, something to generate interest to attract people to come and visit the area. We'll be targeting senior citizens

groups through retirement homes, churches and other organizations for now, then if the idea catches on, we'll look at other segments of the population."

### MEMBERSHIP

Vernon said the Chamber has a new committee which was created to focus on services to Chamber members.

"It started with an ambassadors program last year," she explained. "The ambassadors, who are volunteers from among the Chamber's membership, function as my public relations arm."

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## Cooperative

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Although cooking and crafts are still a part of the local homemakers clubs' activities, Underwood said, the clubs have broadened their horizons in recent years to take on more community service projects and hold monthly educational meetings on a variety of subjects.

Club members learn leadership skills that serve them well in other organizations, she commented. Club members are involved in a number of community service projects, including beautification, literacy tutoring, waste management and recycling, dressing dolls for the Salvation Army, the annual beach cleanup, and the American Cancer Society.

### 4-H CLUB

Underwood, also the county's 4-H youth agent, said there is a new 4-H Club in the Nacaise area. It has 35 members, who are involved in horse and beef projects. The group will be in the district 4-H show in Richton July 8-9.

In other 4-H activities, two day

camp were conducted last summer. About 75 youth participated through various experiential activities. Children involved in a special needs class at North Bay Elementary School were provided activities in photography, grooming, manners, social skills and environment.

Fifteen children participated in a separately conducted activity geared to 4-H projects, in which they toured a wetlands reserve, learned grooming, photography, crafts, physical fitness, self care and mending.

Underwood said a 4-H booth was manned at St. Rose de Lima's Seafood Festival last summer. More than 25 children participated in creating a hand-print banner.

Water conservation was addressed in a five-part environmental lesson series called Water Riches, which was presented in local schools. Nutrition education and job preparation programs also were provided to area students.

## Chamber

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They make personal contacts, calling on other members about important issues — which we haven't had to do so far — delivering membership certificates and decals to those who have renewed their Chamber membership, thanking them for renewing, and soliciting input.

"The ambassadors do the same things for new members," she continued. "It gives a personal touch to the Chamber, and gives members a name and a face to remember, someone they can talk to if they have a question or a problem."

"The membership committee goes further by seeing what's offered and what can be improved. For instance, many Chamber members have expressed an interest in advertising in our monthly newsletter, the Chambergram, so we're developing a policy for that."

"The committee is also re-evaluating the dues structure of the Chamber. Our structure is way out of date, compared to other Chambers, so the committee is looking at the situation to see what can be done to make the dues charges more equitable with the services offered."

### BEAUTIFICATION

The beautification committee held its spring beach and county cleanups earlier in the year, and Vernon said participation is increasing every year, especially in the Kiln, Leetown and Pearlinton areas. The committee also conducts a cleanup in the fall; this year it is set for September 17.

"We've also started a median beautification project," she said.

"We're cleaning up the medians and planting flower beds. We plan to eventually go all the way to the Hwy. 90/1-10 interchange, and to do the medians at the Hwy. 53/43 junction, the I-10/43 interchanges, the medians on Hwy. 43, the Hwy. 43/603 split at Kiln and Hwy. 43 into Picayune. This will be done in a five-year plan, and we're working on these projects with the county agent and the State Department of Transportation."

The committee also has issued several Clean and Beautiful At Work awards to area businesses to encourage them to improve and maintain the areas around their shops or offices.

Two other projects are the phone directory and Christmas tree recycling drives, which Vernon said were both great successes last year. She said of the directory drive, "The response was unbelievable! We got the schools involved, and we brought in almost eight tons of directories in Hancock County alone."

On another subject, Vernon said the Chamber plans to participate in the sand beach renourishment program.

"The Chamber has had funds set aside for beach retention," she explained. "We have received a donation for the purchase of fencing and/or grasses to help retain the sand once it's in place."

The anti-litter task force of the committee has been hard at work with a number of programs, including the A-Way With Waste curriculum (co-sponsored by the task force, the county extension office and GE Plastics), which was given to local schools; and the filming of a number of public service announcement videos, featuring Cherie Schadler and the Bayou Town Puppet company, which are being run throughout the state.

### OTHER PROJECTS

Speaking of filming, the Chamber recently worked with the Mississippi Department of Economic Development and the Harrison County Tourism Commission to help Elysian Pictures find sites in Hancock County for the filming of a movie set in the county.

Vernon said several local locations are being used, and the movie theater at Choctaw Plaza was used to view the "dailies," the footage shot during each day of filming.

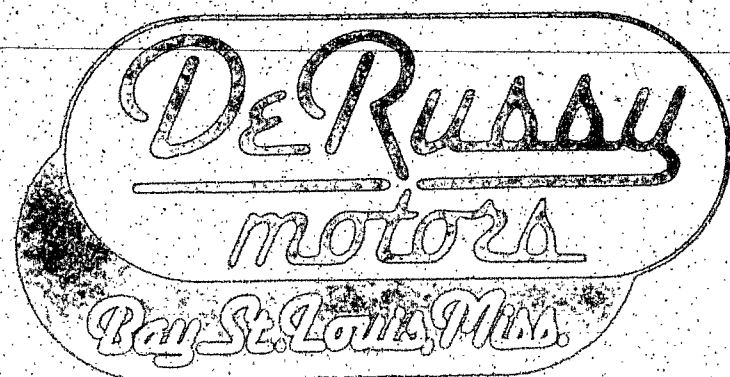
The county also is receiving publicity via the printed word. Vernon said she has been in touch with an author who is writing a fictional book about the county. "Although he is writing a fictional work, he said he wanted to get his information about the county as accurate as possible," she explained.

In addition, she said, a number of travel writers have come and done articles about the area, and a group of German writers recently visited the county.



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## Tourism

Visitors, gamblers create  
big impact on local economy

BY TRACI BONNEY

"Since it (gaming) started, I'm up about 35 percent. I run full on weekends; I still have a few rooms open Sundays through Thursdays, but all in all I'm pleased with the way business is going."

So commented Waveland Resort Inn owner Bill Lady when asked what the impact has been from tourism and gaming on his hotel.

He added, "It has made a tremendous difference. It's nice to be able to pay the bills on time, even the taxes. Usually I

Inn is also experiencing a boom. General manager Scarla Wiley said, "Days Inn at Diamondhead has benefited substantially from the casinos. Guests come by the busloads from various states to check into the hotel and are, minutes later, whisked away to the casinos by their courtesy buses."

"We also have had the privilege of housing several celebrities, including Larry Holmes, Roberto Duran, B.B. King and 'Frogman' Henry, who perform at the casinos."

### VISITOR COUNTS

The hotels are not the only business-



...he need for more hotel rooms has created a construction boom.

don't get my taxes paid off until July. This year, I paid them in January."

In Bay St. Louis, Bay Town Inn's manager Judy Lipscomb said she also feels gaming has been a good promotional tool for the Coast.

"I feel the marketing and advertising the casinos have done have been valuable for the Coast in general," she commented. "The marketing has put the name of the Gulf Coast out into the public, and so has helped draw people to the area who otherwise might not have known about it."

As for the seven-room bed-and-breakfast inn she manages on Beach Blvd., she said she can't say for certain that its success is rooted in the influx of dockside gambling patrons.

"We opened one month before Casino Magic did, and we've grown right along with the casino, so I don't have any comparison figures to give you," she stated. "My guests, most of them, are doing a number of things when they visit the Coast, and going to the casinos for a few hours is just one of many activities they enjoy. Those who come specifically to go to the casinos are a small percentage of my guests, although I do get some direct referrals from the casinos."

North of I-10, Diamondhead Days



Buccaneer water slide makes splash

ses to see an increase in traffic. According to statistics from the Hancock Chamber of Commerce, Stennis Space Center, the county Welcome Center and both state parks had large numbers of visitors in 1993. Buccaneer State Park reported a count of 250,580 visitors; the Welcome Center, 567,370; Stennis Space Center, 95,333; and McLeod Water Park, 48,027.

The numbers are holding up so far this year as well. Buccaneer has reported 110,470 visitors to date; the Welcome Center, 151,123; McLeod, 14,626; and Stennis, 15,845.

Stennis's figures, according to Chamber secretary Kim Rose, are not an accurate measure, however, because they reflect the number of visitors from March to June. She said the Chamber wasn't able to obtain the January and February totals in time to include them in the monthly Chambergram newsletter.

### T&GA

While the casinos have done much to promote the Coast in general, the Chamber and the Tourism and Gaming Association have done a great amount of promotion for Hancock County. T&GA president Pat Yarbrough, recently elected to the post along with the other association officers, said the organization either launched or contributed to a number of advertising efforts last year.

The association got a matching funds grant from the state to start a six-month ad campaign in Southern Living magazine and its tourism guide publication; bought an ad in the Coast Transit Authority's trolley line brochure; contributed \$5,000 to the Miss Teen USA pageant, for which some of the footage was shot in Hancock County; gave the Chamber \$500 to help defray costs of mailing responses to tourist inquiries; and contributed to the Waveland Civic Association's Labor Days fireworks display.

Yarbrough said the association continues to grow steadily, and has added some 30 new members since April. The membership stands at more than 2,000 now, she added.

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## Bay St. Louis

### New casino user fee ups city revenues

BY TRACI BONNEY

If you read Bay St. Louis Mayor Edward Favre's lips, you'll know by the grin on them that there are still no new city taxes.

Mention the 85 percent municipal tax cut enacted two years ago by the City Council, and the mayor smiles. "We still don't collect any taxes to run the city. The only municipal tax our residents pay is for the library and the parks department."

Two years ago, the Council was able to slash the municipal taxes paid by city residents because of a fee negotiated between the city and Casino Magic. The city had gotten a local and private bill passed in the state legislature, which allowed the city to levy a boarding fee on casinos for each customer. In lieu of charging its patrons to come into the casino, Casino Magic chose to pay a user fee.

As Favre said at the time, "We gave up about \$150,000 through the tax cut to gain about \$2 million. Not a bad trade."

The trade got even better last year, after the city renegotiated the fee. Now, Bay St. Louis will receive about \$3.5 million and the city school system will get about \$750,000, Favre said.

#### PROJECTS

##### TRAFFIC LIGHTS

While there are some new projects being worked on, the city is focusing this year on continuing and finishing pro-

jects begun in previous years, Favre said.

The main new project deals with additional traffic lights on Hwy. 90. The plans for a light at Washington Avenue have been submitted to the State Highway Department, and the mayor said the city hopes to advertise for bids by August or September.

At Drinkwater (at Hancock Medical Center), the traffic counts are being reviewed to see if a light is needed, and modifications are being designed for the lighting system at Blue Meadow Road. The lighting system at the Bay bridge is also being considered for modification.

"Another place we plan to ask for a light is at Bouslog," Favre added.

#### STREET WORK

In addition to efforts to have more traffic lights installed, the city is working on a street sign repair/installation project. New signs have gone up in several places along Hwy. 90, and others are being installed throughout the city.

"In our next phase, we'll be repairing and replacing traffic signs around the city," Favre said. "That's a project for next year, though."

Highway 90 has gotten a lot of city attention in the past couple of years. The highway lighting project completed in the spring of 1993 gave the city an opportunity to create a monument.

The streetlight posts are now home to

the U.S. flag and the flags of some 36 states, including Mississippi. Favre said the city hopes to obtain flags from all 50 states.

These flags are now a city monument. On Flag Day, June 14, the city dedicated the Veterans Flag Memorial. The marker for the new memorial is at the county walking track in front of Hancock Medical Center.

Blue Meadow Road has been an area of particular concern for the city since Casino Magic opened its doors. The increase in traffic has put a heavy demand on Blue Meadow, and the city has met that need by widening the road.

"The Blue Meadow widening project is near completion," Favre said. "A left turn lane is being added from Hwy. 90 to the high school, and a right turn lane is being put in at the Blue Meadow/90 intersection, to help improve the traffic flow at the light."

The city also is continuing its annual paving projects and doing a number of sidewalk installation projects, the latest of which is on Dunbar Avenue. Favre said DeMontluzin, Ulman and Old Spanish Trail are next on the list of streets to have sidewalks constructed.

**UTILITIES**  
The city's utility work covers three main areas, drainage, gas lines and sewer work. The drainage work takes in several major projects, including Spanish Acres and Hancock Heights, Favre said.

As far as gas work goes, he stated, the city is doing a lot of work on the lines,

mostly repairing leaks.

"We've reduced our unaccounted losses in the gas lines to less than five percent, which is the lowest it has ever been, as far as I know. We also did a complete changeout of the gas meters throughout the city."

The city's sewer work takes on two forms, extension of new lines and maintenance to existing ones.

The sewer extension program is entering its second and third phases, Favre said. "We're getting easements now, and when we finish those, we'll start constructing the lines."

Phase 2 includes the North Beach Blvd./Cedar Point area, and Phase 3 is the Old Spanish Trail area.

The sewer maintenance program — or as Favre called it, the sewer rehab program — includes repairing and replacing broken and other problem sections of sewer line throughout the city.

"We've broken the city into four sections, and we're looking at each one and determining where the needs are."

As far as utility rates go, Favre said there have been no further reductions in the last year, but neither have there been any increases. In the previous year, utility rates had been reduced at least three times.

**OTHER PROJECTS**  
The city continues its efforts to

purchase the old CSX depot, but Favre said the purchase is waiting on Federal Highway Department approval. And — there's a slight quirk in the plan.

The mayor explained that CSX, for right-of-way purposes, cannot sell about 1½ feet of the building to the city. However, the railroad is willing to give the city a perpetual easement and allow the renovation work to be done. So, Favre said, the city is waiting for federal approval of the purchase and long-term lease of the building.

"It's just one of those whacky situations," he remarked. "But we'll work around it, and I'm pretty sure we'll get

the federal approval."

Meanwhile, the city is turning its renovation efforts to the Valena C. Jones gym on Old Spanish Trail. The gym is getting a new rubberized floor, a reconstructed stage, extensive roof work and a paint job. Favre said the gym has been closed while the work is being done.

More recreational refurbishing is going on in another part of town. The Little League complex on Athletic Drive is being expanded. Favre said three new fields are being added this year and by the time the project is finished, there will be five new baseball/softball fields.



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Donald Mauffray (left) presents U.S. flag at Veterans Memorial dedication.

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## Infrastructure

### State Aid reformulation increases county road funds

BY TRACI BONNEY

**T**hanks to a revision of the State Aid Program's road formula, Hancock County can expect to receive some \$136,000 in additional funds.

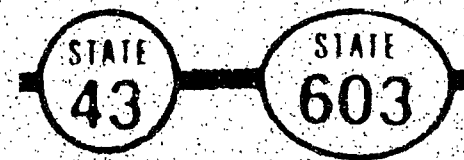
State Rep. Harry Frierson, a member of the legislature's transportation committee, said House Bill 1302 changes the formula for State Aid road funds so that money formerly earmarked for bridges only can now be used on road and drainage work.

"The supervisors here have been fiscally responsible," he commented. "They've taken good care of our bridges. We have only six deficient bridges in the county."

"Because we didn't need a lot of funds for bridge repair, the State Aid money we would have received has been sitting in the account. Now, with the change in the formula, we can use that money on our State Aid roads."

The county now has an aid total of \$466,625 annually, he said. Hancock County has 165.8 miles of roads on which these funds can be spent.

In addition, the county will receive \$172,852 annually over the next five years to replace deficient bridges, Frierson said.



#### HWY. 43/603

Frierson said the grading and drainage work on the Hwy. 603 project from I-10 to Hwy. 90 is almost complete. Upon completion, the area under construction will be ready for asphalt.

State Rep. J.P. Compretta said the state is about ready to solicit bids for the paving portion of the project.

"SEI had the grading, drainage and bridge part of the project," he explained, "but they don't have the paving part. The state has to let out bids for that."

Frierson added that the four-laning, which had been projected to be near completion by now, has been delayed by inclement weather and utility right-of-way problems.

The four-laning of Highway 603 is a welcome sight to local residents and officials, who have pushed for the project for some 10 years now. Chamber of Commerce and county officials have been particularly vocal about the need to expand the north-south artery that serves to connect Hwy. 90 with Interstate 10 as well as Hwy. 53 further north.

Hwy. 603 is heavily traveled by private, school, commercial and now casino traffic, and the four-laning of the highway will alleviate many vehicle congestion problems.

State Senator Bill Johnson said he had been told the next phase, four-laning the highway from Stennis Airport to the Hwy. 43/603 junction, will

begin immediately upon completion of the current project.

Johnson added that the current project should be completed by the end of the year, according to what he was told by state highway officials.

The next part, Frierson said, will be to four-lane Hwy. 43 from Hwy. 603 to Picayune.

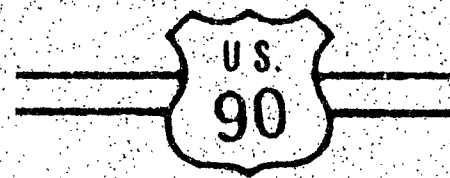
Frierson and Compretta recently met with Ronnie Shows, commissioner of the transportation department's southern district, and were told to expect engineering to begin immediately on the Hwy. 603/43 four-laning. Construction on the project, they were told, is slated to begin sometime in 1996.

Compretta praised Frierson and Rep. Mark Formby of Picayune, also a transportation committee member, for their efforts in making certain that Hancock and Pearl River counties were not neglected when funds were earmarked for road improvements.

#### OTHER PROJECTS

Right now, Johnson is working with state officials to determine the feasibility of elevating the Jordan River Bridge on Hwy. 603 so that it will accommodate barge traffic to the industrial park at Stennis International Airport. He said several businesses currently are located at the park, and the addition of barge capabilities will make the park more attractive to future tenants.

Compretta said another Hwy. 603 project would use approximately \$250,000 in highway maintenance funds to change the Hwy. 603/53 junction so that motorists will have to come to a complete stop. As it is currently designed, motorists on Hwy. 53 do not have to stop at the intersection; only those moving from Hwy. 603 onto Hwy. 53 must stop.



#### GAMING COUNTIES INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

House Bill 1302, in addition to revising the State Aid formula, created a gaming counties infrastructure program for construction, reconstruction and improvement of highways, roads, streets, bridges, interchanges and traffic control devices in and approaching counties where casinos are located.

For Hancock County, this includes some \$2 million for improvements on Hwy. 90. Plans include constructing new turning lanes and other improvements, Frierson said.

Johnson stated that with the increase in traffic, both private and commercial, into the county, there may eventually be a need for an additional four-lane highway, or another east-west corridor through the coastal counties.

At present, Hancock County's highway system includes Hwys. 603, 43, 604, 607, 90, 53 and Interstate 10.

## Casinos

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The impact of it all has been more than most locals imagined. Not only have the casinos generated millions for local government operations and improvements, but they also have sparked a commercial and residential building boom as well. Unemployment has plummeted. Traffic has escalated. Contractors are scarce where small jobs are concerned.

There are upgrades planned for Highway 90, including new traffic lights and turn lanes to accommodate casino-goers. The speed limit was low-

ered on Beach Boulevard, as gaming traffic increased.

Meanwhile, there are more casino plans on the drawing board for Hancock County. While plans are uncertain -- no additional casinos have been licensed so far within the county -- two developer groups want to put gaming on sites that would draw customers directly off Interstate 10.

Another would anchor at Cedar Point on North Beach Boulevard, and one wants to locate at the foot of Main Street in Bay St. Louis. Several others are potential neighbors of Jubilee.



Local traffic makes use of new Hwy. 603 turn lane at Kiln.

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